

Wensum Working Group Meeting 2nd Dec 2019 @ Bawdeswell Village Hall 18:00 – 20:30

In attendance Kelvin Allen, Cass Singleton, Tim Ellis, David Harper, Geoff Phillips, Roger Gibbons, Dennis Willis, Colin Howlett, Graham Gamble

Apologises Jez Wood

Previous Minutes Agreed

Matters Arising

Action Kelvin and Cass to convene stakeholder workshop with the aid of Rory Sanderson.
[Completed](#)

Action Jez offered a potential site visit to Costessey and the restoration activities. Jez to arrange with RWRS team. [Ongoing](#)

Action Spawning Boards Tim Ellis to record the locations and dates for each board. [Ongoing](#)

Action Lack of Macrophytes Kelvin to write to EA&NE on the issue with the groups concerns.
[Completed](#)

BASG Issues

Hoveton Great Broad Bio-manipulation big focus for BASG currently

Refer to briefings available on the web site.

8th Oct Stakeholder Workshop

The following items were discussed in detail with the associated outcomes and agreements with members.

See attached spreadsheet for full details

Serial No	Title	Action	Defra DWP Task No	Owner	Lead	Target Date
ECO-001	Invertebrate Base Status	Report on the gap analysis between the respective bodies reporting on Invertebrate status		WWG	David Harper	Apr-20
ECO-002	Invertebrate Base Reasons	Identify the reasons for variance and agree a way forward on measures for the river Wensum		WWG	Geoff Phillips	Apr-20
ECO-003	Invertebrate Monitoring Scope	Define and quantify the scale of a riverfly monitoring scheme for the river Wensum		WWG	Geoff Phillips	Apr-20
ECO-004	Invertebrate Monitoring Definition	Define a riverfly monitoring scheme for the river Wensum and agree volunteer engagement and training		WWG	Dennis Willis	Apr-20
ECO-005	Invertebrate Monitoring	Implement a riverfly monitoring scheme for the river Wensum		WWG	Dennis Willis	May-20
ECO-006	Habitat Middle Reaches	Understanding the diversity of Habitats		WWG	David Harper	Jun-20

ECO-007	Habitat Middle Reaches	Provision of 150 SqM of additional off channel habitat and refuge annually (Middle and Lower Reaches)	W-DWP-019	WWG	Jez Wood	Annually
ECO-008	Habitat Upper Reaches	Provision of 100 SqM of additional off channel habitat and refuge annually (Upper Reaches)	W-DWP-019	WWG	Jez Wood	Annually
ECO-009	Habitat Macrophytes	Summarise the SSSI designations and understanding of macrophytes (plants) across all reaches of the Wensum, building on the 6 year Natural England assessment period.		WWG	David Harper	Aug-20
ECO-010	Fish Densities	Gather indicator species and baseline densities and trends across the river		WWG	Kelvin Allen	Jun-20
ECO-011	Fish Roach	Action plan for Roach		WWG	?	Dec-20
ECO-012	Fish Lithophilic	Create an action plan for gravel spawning fish (Lithophilic)		WWG	?	Dec-20
ECO-013	Fish Migratory	Create an action plan for migratory fish		WWG	Jez Wood	Dec-20
ECO-014	Fish Predation	TBA on a plan for Predation		WWG	Roger Gibbons	Dec-20
ECO-015	Non-Native Species Crayfish	Explore status and impact informed by other actions		WWG	?	Mar-21
POL-014	Urban Pollution Assess Mapping	Undertake a risk mapping exercise using road network, slope and connectivity to water course to understand the relative risks from road run-off.	W-DWP009	WWG	Colin Howlett Tim Ellis Tim Venes Graham Gamble	Mar-20

The list of Urban Pollution sources have been mapped onto google maps, [see link](#)

Formation of Wensum Partnership, the next stakeholder meeting is set for the 13th Dec 14:00 at Bawdeswell VH. It is planned to take the output from this to the next wider Broads Catchment Partnership meeting in January, to secure both the funding and governance structure.

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Future Meeting Dates to be held at Bawdeswell Village Hall and will be agreed once we have the date of the next Broads Catchment Partnership meeting confirmed.

Regards Kelvin Allen 3rd Dec 2019