

Minutes

Meeting: Autumn Network Meeting Date: 29th September 2015 Location: Tollymore National Outdoor Centre

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| Attendees: | Apologies: |
| James Ogilvie, Forestry Commission Scotland | Jo Burgon, ORN |
| Caro-lynne Ferris Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland | Jane Houghton, English Nature |
| Philip Broadbent Yale, National Trust | Beatrice Kelly, Heritage Council |
| Paddy Harrop, Forestry Commission England | Helen Jones, Scottish Government |
| Glyn Bradbury, Forestry Commission England | Rob Garner, Scottish Natural Heritage |
| Elaine Fotheringham, Sport Scotland | Ally Kohler, ANPA (Dartmoor) |
| Maia Taylor, Environment Agency Northern Ireland | Brian MacAuley, Canal and Rivers Trust |
| Niall McAlleenan, Environment Agency Northern Ireland | Hannah Dobbin, Sports and Recreation |
| Caroline McCarroll, Waterways Ireland | Catrin Della, Visit Wales |
| For the afternoon session: |  |
| Maxine Gregory, Sheffield Hallam University | Dan Clarke, Lagan Valley Regional Park |

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| Item No | Notes | Actions | who |
| 1 Notes of the last Meeting |
| 1 a | Some people noted a problem in opening the previous meeting notes file | Check out the formats used and resolve on to a format that is most usefulCould anyone affected by this report asap to the Secretariat | SecretariatAll |
| 1 b | The use of one contact point per organisation:* Comment was made that if the lead contact was unavailable to deal with messages sent to them in good time, having a colleague cc'ed into the message would help.
 | to cc secondary contacts into communications where these contacts have been made available to the secretariat. | Secretariat  |
| 2 Membership Update |
| 2 a | Only two members have not made any progress towards paying their membership fees  | Follow up with Helen Jones from the Scottish Government. Follow up with Lee Valley | James OgilvieJo Burgon |
| 2 b | There are still some organisations that are missing, Sport England for example.  | Everyone was urged to put out feelers towards new possible members.  | All |
| 2 c | There was some discussion about NGOs such as Woodland Trust, RSPB, etc. could be encouraged. Mention was made of the Coastal Path Association. It was felt that the traditional view as to NGOs being excluded (e.g. lobbying government) had moved on, and that this was a bigger issue and needed a wider discussion and should therefore be brought to the next meeting. | Table on next agenda | Secretariat |
| 3 Financial |
|  | The presented budget had been re-profiled, reflecting the change in events to be organised. Philip raised the question that the extra handover costs had been included again and asked for that to be checked | Check that any handover costs had not been included in error | Secretariat |
|  | Query on projected 2016 conference attendance level as the venue (Dunkeld/Pitlochry) is remote for many attendees.. |  |  |
|  | ORNI financial fee for 16/17 will be £700. |  |  |
|  | Philip requested that the new time line be sent out with the meeting notes | Send out the new time line | Secretariat |
| 4 Activities 2015 / 16 - Research Seminar |
| 4 a | Some parts of the paper were difficult to read and not easily understood. More clarity needed on the Purpose section, with a repackaged rationale for an engaged audience rather than a technical one. Question over the outputs. | Follow up | James Ogilvie |
| 4 b | Suggestions for speakers: Alex Hunt from the National Trust, also William Bird at NHS England and Rachel Stancliffe from the centre for sustainable health. The Forest Research social policy researchers.Recommended that we have a ‘market place’ with some of the gadgets/apps available for demonstration to participants. | Send suggestions of speakers and projects to Alison Darlow and Brian MacAuley | All |
| 5 Activities 2016 / 17 |
|  | Spring seminar* Date - pre May holidays
* Venue - Dalby Forest? ( would like to involve North Yorks National Park)
* Theme -Commercial operations and business innovation in recreation
* Noted that there was to be 3 events in the North next year, therefore:-
* Suggested Southern Ireland as a venue in 2017
* Could focus new meetings on new audience of new members (NGO-friendly)
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|  | Journal* New journal focussed on Cycling was available on the web site (copies were circulated)
 | Mention the journal in the next e-news to bring it to a wider audience | Secretariat |
|  | Conference Autumn 2016* Ideas paper circulated by James Ogilvie

Views on the theme were requested. Getting people out into the outdoors. Involving conservation organisations raising the benefits of engaging people in the outdoors in increased income for the organisation and health for the people. Arts activities, sticky fingers project, wilderwoods projects. Focus on disadvantaged people, some of these projects create great change, however are multimillion pound projects, need examples of smaller funded projects being successful.* What leads to behaviour change from sedentary lifestyles, drivers `may not be obvious outdoors benefits but social issues.
 | Send James your ideas on interesting speakers and projects from all over UK | All |
| 6. Information and Communication session |
|  | We were joined by Maxine Gregory from Sheffield Hallam University. Maxine introduced herself and the work of the new Outdoor Recreation Research Group. | send the Secretariat information about the group to be circulated | Maxine Gregory |
|  | * An amended/collated Information Updates paper was distributed at the meeting, as several submissions were provided late and some were not on the template, which made collation very difficult.
* James took the meeting through the collected information and questions were raised and responded to.
 | The deadline for submissions was to be set well in advance and held to. No PDF submissions please put all information on the update template in the way requested  | All |
|  | Meeting closed 4.08pm |  |  |
| Date of next meeting To be arranged. |