



EAST OF ENGLAND CIVIC & AMENITY SOCIETIES

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

February 17th 2014 at 3.30pm at Wandlebury Country Park, Cambridge

Present: Jennifer Lawler, Peter Lee, Peter Landshoff (Chair), Catherine Bailey

1. Apologies

From: Alec Hartley, Sue Sollohub, Terry Betts, Andrew Sangster, Carolin Göhler

2. Minutes of last meeting - accepted

3. Matters arising - any actions incomplete c/f to this agenda

4. Chairman's Report - for information

- **English Heritage consultation** - Civic Voice has sent feedback on the government's consultation regarding splitting English Heritage into two bodies. CambridgePPF has also responded.
- **CPRE** - has launched a charter to 'Save our Countryside' e.g. by not building on greenfield land first.
- **Local Transport Bodies** - The Department for Transport (DfT) has devolved funding for fairly major transport schemes to Local Transport Bodies (LTB's) from April 2015 onwards. The Ely Southern bypass proposal was recently supported in principal by East Cambs Council but still requires final determination by Cambs County Council.
- **Heritage Counts** - provides a summary of historic environment indicators including an analysis of staffing levels, heritage at risk, planning applications and visitor, education and volunteering figures. Report has been published for 2013 - regional report at <http://hc.english-heritage.org.uk/HC-regional-summaries/HC-East-of-England/>
- **CamEO** - helping to deliver the Water Framework Directive (WFD) in the eastern region. Looking at potential role for Civic Societies. Feedback required on potential. **ACTION: ALL**

5. Forums:

- **Historic Environment Forum** - Commented on English Heritage split; planned National Trust international conference in 2015 in Cambridge; consulting on EC Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform; Shape East has been wound up.
- **East of England Environmental Forum** - hosted/facilitated by RSPB. Only to meet once a year from now on.

6. Seminar -

- **Dates:** Not possible to meet original March deadline. Suggested new potential dates July 12th or 19th.
- **Venue:** Peterborough happy to host. Possible venue Beckett Chapel.
- **Timing:** Say 10.30 start to 5pm. £15 per head.
- **Format:** two speakers in a.m./lunch - get your own in town/ two speakers after lunch/optional tours and walkabouts.
- **Possible speakers:** Freddie Gick (Chair of Civic Voice) re role of CV in lobbying; Successful Civic Society at reviewing/adding BLI in partnership with local authority or without a Conservation Officer e.g. Norwich??

ACTION: Peter Lee to check likely societies with Ian Harvey

ACTION: CB to progress seminar with CG

- Still need to update database of local contacts.

Action ALL

7. Any other business

- **Newsletter:** Catherine cannot progress this as now 3 day week. Will see if we can get volunteer to support. Any articles to Catherine before next meeting. **ACTION ALL re articles by end of March 2014.**
ACTION: Catherine re volunteer support

8. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th April 2014 at 10.30am at Wandlebury Country Park