



EAST OF ENGLAND CIVIC & AMENITY SOCIETIES

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

November 6th 2013 at 10.30am at Wandlebury Country Park, Cambridge

Present: Carolin Göhler, Alec Hartley, Peter Landshoff (Chair), Catherine Bailey, Terry Betts, Andrew Sangster

1. Apologies

From: Jennifer Lawler, Peter Lee, Sue Sollohub.

2. Chairman's Report - for information

CABA: the Catchment Based Approach promoted by DEFRA in relation to delivery of the Water Framework Directive. CPPF are engaged through the Cam Corridor Strategy project. £11k appears to be available per catchment to set up collaborations for delivery of this.

Peter went on to outline role of Arts Council; the National Heritage Memorial Fund, the proposed review of Grade 2 buildings by EH, the East of England biodiversity Forum, the East of England Environmental Forum, and Neighbourhood Planning, the demise of COVER and the creation of Wellbeing East.

Earlier this year Peter also gave a talk to the RTPI on aging communities.

Local Nature Partnership: one focus at a recent meeting was the idea of the 'Natural Health Service' e.g. Green Gyms, walks etc. as part of keeping healthy.

CambridgePPF Heritage Working Group are looking at a review of Buildings of Local Interest with Cambridge City Council and hoping to inform change in the Market Hill area of the city through engaging key players in a Placecheck exercise.

3. Civic Voice AGM and Regional Chair's Meeting (Peter Lee)

CG fed back from the days at Liverpool and informative guided walks and workshops have highlighted issues ranging from Heritage Listing, regeneration areas and historic quarters of the City now intermixed with avant-garde buildings. Paula Ridley stood down as Chair of Civic Voice and Freddie Gick is the new Chairman. Good work at government level undertaken on prioritised subjects.

Unfortunately Regional Chair's Meeting was not held.

4. Historic Environment Forum (HEF)

English Heritage (EH): there has been a recent decision by government to split the historic properties and planning roles of EH by 2015. Property care, management and promotion will remain with a new Trust with the name English Heritage and the planning function will go to a new body, the National Heritage Protection Service. (i.e. temporary working name).

5. East of England Environment Forum (EEEF)

CG did not attend recent meeting as not received e-notification. Published minutes will be forwarded.

6. EECAS Newsletter

This is brought out on average twice per year. The last issue was in spring 2013.

ACTION ALL re possible articles by end of November 2013.

7. Seminar

First thoughts on theme: Protecting your Local Environment but focusing on how the historic environment and context is changing.

Possible dates March 1st or 15th in Cambridge. Sponsors and venue needed for event. Possible £2000 needed for event if delegate fee is to be free.

Possible speakers: Freddie Gick (Chair of Civic Voice); Barry Shaw (Cabe Built Environment Expert and ex Essex Design Initiative); Peter Lee and on Heritage Listings; Carolin on pubs tbC (or refocussed; EH on grade 2 listing review. Suggestions to have Simon Hickman (English Heritage) on the role of heritage in development- instead of King's Cross regeneration maybe seek an example from the Eastern region instead? Potential to advertise to other professional groups such as RTPI, RICS, RIBA, and parish councils.

ACTION CB with CG

Need to update database of local contacts. **Action ALL**

8. Finance

We have £353.73 in the regional EECAS bank account.

CPPF support costs approx £1,000 per year and recently nothing charged thus undertaken in kind. CG outlined that CambridgePPF has limited resources and some workload should be spread with other regional groups or rotated. Additional funding could be sought via suitable sponsorship.

Group agreed in principle that CPPF costs should be supported.

ACTION - ALL to consider future funding potential

9. Any other business

Are any WW1 events planned for next year?

10. Date of next meeting:

Monday 27th January 2014 at 10.30am at Wandlebury Country Park