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Management Scheme

HUMBER ADVISORY GROUP

6.30pm, 9th June 2005

Far Ings Nature Reserve, Barton-upon-Humber

AGENDA

- 1) Introductions and apologies
- 2) Minutes of the meeting 17th March 2005 (previously circulated)
- 3) Matters arising from the minutes
- 4) Humber Management Scheme update - (Chris Manning)
- 5) Codes of Conduct, production and distribution
- 6) Launch of the Humber Management Scheme
 - i) HAG's role
 - ii) Public event to mark the launch.
- 7) HAG's structure
 - i) Insurance
 - ii) Affiliation to British Trust for Conservation Volunteers
 - iii) Terms of Reference/Constitution
- 8) HAG's future work programme
 - i) Implementation of the Management Scheme
 - ii) Other activities
- 9) AOB
- 10) Date and venue for next meeting

Followed by an illustrated talk

Giles Bartlett, Environment Officer for North Eastern Sea Fisheries Committee will talk on the implementation of fishing issues at the Flamborough European Marine Site. Giles talk will include NESFC effort monitoring work and illustrate the delivery of a management action for a European Marine Site.

Note, copies of the Management Scheme final document will be available at the meeting, to those who haven't yet received a copy, any outstanding copies will then be posted.

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Meeting of the HUMBER ADVISORY GROUP
9th June 2005 - Far Ings Nature Reserve, Barton-upon-Humber

Attendees:

Adrian Koster	Ecosystem Agronomist
Darren Clarke	Humber INCA
Daryl Burdon	Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies
Dave Mouncey	Humber Yawl Club
Giles Bartlett	North Eastern Sea Fisheries Committee
John Rowley	Joint Vice-Chairman HAG
Kate Jennings	English Nature
Martin Broadbridge	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
Nev Jones	Chairman of HAG
Phil Arnott	Bass Anglers Sportfishing Society
Richard Clarke	Vice Chairman of HAG

In Attendance

Chris J Manning Humber Project Manager

1. Introductions and apologies

Apologies were received from:

Pro Mike Elliott	Institute of Estuarine & Coastal Studies
Rodney Clapson	Clapson & Sons (Shipbuilders) Ltd

2. Minutes of the meeting 17th March 2005 (previously circulated)

It was agreed that these were a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Michelle Lindsay, correct title is Dr. Phil Arnott had tried to send his apologies for the last meeting, but these were not forwarded, Darren Clarke had inadvertently been informed that the meeting was cancelled, these problems were due to the PM's unscheduled absence.

Nev drew attention to the Monitoring and Review matters discussed at the March meeting. It was reported that lead authors had been contacted and reminded of the Action Plan requirements and timetables and that arrangements for an interim review were in place.

Distribution of the Management Scheme to HAG, unfortunately this hasn't been completed. Some had been distributed at the last HAG and others taken for passing on, but a list of those distributed wasn't available. The remaining HAG copies would be distributed shortly.

4. Humber Management Scheme update

Chris reported that the Management Scheme documents had been distributed and that HMS was now in the implementation stage. HMS is starting to review the management actions, recording progress, omissions and defining the work that needs undertaking.

The scheme will be launched on 1st July by Elliot Morley MP, Minister of State (Climate Change and Environment). The tribulations were noted, and because of the current timing it had been decided to launch the codes at the same time, this would maximise their publicity.

HMS had entered the Lincolnshire Environmental Awards in the Businesses category and received a certificate of commendation. The PM asked for details of similar events that occur in Yorkshire so that entries can be submitted, as these raise the profile of the Management Scheme. It was suggested that next year HAG enters the Community Group category for their work on the Codes of Conduct.

We are now included in a directory “Who is who in ICZM in the Eastern Channel and the Southern North Sea” available from

<http://www.sailcoast.org/documents/ICZM%20Directory.pdf>

5. Codes of Conduct, production and distribution

A draft of the codes leaflet was circulated. Chris explained that it was a first draft, the graphic designer’s interpretation of the brief required refining, while our text hadn’t complemented the layout. Two of the pictures were from agencies (dog walkers and a water activity) and these would be replaced if HAG could supply suitable photographs. The intention was for the graphic designer to refine the design on Monday so that it could be presented to HERAG on Tuesday 14th June for approval. It was noted that the first page didn’t reflect the Management Scheme document and it would be changed, however the design wasn’t completely adaptable to the smaller format. It was agreed that Nev & Kate could authorise the final version for HAG. Darren, Phil & Richard agreed to proof read text.

Substantive points:

- Broughton Bridge isn’t in the EMS, and should be dropped from all documents
- Map could be clearer and simpler
- Map needs an explanation of the EMS boundary
- Map should be on the site description page
- Insert “and fauna” after flora
- Acknowledgement of photographers is needed.
- Marsh Harrier is inadvertently linked with wildfowling
- Road erosion sign inadvertently linked to Motorised Recreation
- All code text need to be on single page for poster use
- Space available for further explanation of EMS
- Wildfowling text colour should match other codes

6. Launch of the Humber Management Scheme

i.) HAG's role

Chris explained that an integrated PowerPoint presentation lasting 30 minutes was planned, using four presenters:

Introduction and Socio-economic context would be by Phil Cowing (it was anticipated that Phil would replace Brian Nickson as HERAG chairman before the launch).

Wildlife and legislation, Kate Jennings.

HAG's composition and input: Reg 33, final Management Scheme and future work Nev Jones

Summarise achievements, and links with other initiatives Philip Winn

The Minister would then make a keynote speech followed by the launch and photo opportunity, anticipated as:

HERAG with Minister

Key member of HERAG with Minister

HAG with Minister for the Management Scheme and the Codes

ii.) Public event to mark the launch

Not discussed

7. HAG's structure

i.) Insurance

It was noted that HERAG does not hold any insurance cover. HAG members include: those undertaking their roles as employees, representatives of organisations and individuals. HAG's role includes:

2.2.1. (iii) Promotion of the Humber Estuary European Marine

2.2.2 (ix) Monitor implementation of the management scheme

- After a discussion it was agreed that HAG needed insurance:
- It was noted that some attend HAG as part of their employment
- Proper insurance was required for many possible "Promotion" activities
- Suggested that a suitable policy is required to properly protect HAG members and indemnify not only HAG/ HERAG/ but also the elected "officers" of both.
- Noted that The Working Group on 26th April had agreed "that HERAG would pay for HAG's BTCV membership as an Associated Group and change HAG's Terms of Reference to that of an autonomous group".
- Noted that HERAG had yet to endorse the Working Group decision.
- That many similar groups had similar insurance requirements i.e. the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust from whom advice could be sought.
- Legal advice would be sought probably via HERAG on the implications on a revised constitution and the insurance situation.

ii.) Affiliation to British Trust for Conservation Volunteers

The BTCV appear to be an appropriate group for HAG to associate with. It is not envisaged that such an “affiliation” would change HAG functions in any way.

iii.) Terms of Reference/Constitution

Required changes include:

2.3.4 The Chairman or a Vice-Chairman is invited to attend all HERAG meetings..... (Note that at their December meeting HERAG in revising their ToR confirmed that HAG will also continue to be represented on the Working Group).

2.3.5 At least one member of HERAG will attend each Advisory Group meeting.... (It is suggested that the Chair and Vice Chair of HERAG are made members of HAG)

Membership criteria to allow compilation of an accurate membership list

It was noted that Funds for the “Promotion” activities have not been sought from HERAG, but anticipated that HERAG would provide some when asked. It was noted that funds could also be sought elsewhere and that matched funding used for a project if HERAG or a RA could supply core funding.

8. HAG’s future work programme

i.) Implementation of the Management Scheme

Not discussed.

ii.) ii) Other activities

It was suggested that talks be given to local groups to raise awareness of the European Marine Site and the Management Scheme. Promotional events could be undertaken.

9. AOB

Darren reported that Yorkshire Forward had provided funds for Humber INCA to develop a Data Centre for the Estuary, this would link the ecology and historic environments with EMS monitoring.

10. Date and venue for next meeting

15th September 2005 at Hessle Town Hall

Illustrated talk

Giles Bartlett of North Eastern Sea Fisheries Committee talked about the implementation of fishing issues on the adjacent Flamborough European Marine Site.

Flamborough Head is a cSAC whose features include: Reefs, Submerged or partially submerged sea caves and Vegetated sea cliffs. A SPA whose features include: Cliff top maritime grassland, and species of European importance including; such as Kittiwake. Flamborough regularly supports at least 20,000 seabirds. During the breeding season it supports 305,784 individual seabirds including: Puffin, Razorbill, Guillemot, Herring Gull, Gannet and Kittiwake.

The Flamborough European Marine Site Action Plan uses Regulation 33 Advice to provide “F” score for activities. This had resulted in a member of staff being recruited for Fishing Activity Surveys such as;

- vessel survey questionnaire
- chartlet of effort – (questioner)
- patrol boat monitoring

Data was entered on an integrated GIS database. Alongside this work EN’s Condition Monitoring that used Side Scan Sonar.

Results showed that the number of vessels potting had increased but the number of potting days had not. Trawling effort had reduced although the number of boats had not. Vessels netting had increased and vessels lining decreased.

The results were analysed on a Geographical Information Systems, the data was corrected for bias as the patrol boat invariably sighted more vessel closer to it home port.

The results will inform future management, that will include a “prohibited trawl areas study” and Byelaw amendments together with an angling diversification project. A project officer will be recruited for the EMS, initially for 12 months to assist in delivering the Flamborough Management Scheme.

Distribution of the Humber Management Scheme

Copies are available for all members of HAG, unfortunately not all members have received their copy. Please contact me if you haven’t received yours and I will ensure you receive it as soon as possible.

Chris J Manning,
June 2005