

Action and Decision Sheet

Enjoying & Appreciating Sub-Committee	10th October 2017, Conservation Board Offices, Northleach
Present	Val Kirby (VK) - Chair, Tony Merry (TM), Mike Dean (MD) , Harry Acland (HA), Roger Wilson (REW) & Simon Wheeler (SW)
Apologies	Nick Holliday (NH), David Thackray (DT).
Also in Attendance	Communications Officer: Chris Brant (CB), Trails & Access Officer : Richard Watson, (RW), Finance and Administration Officer: Anna Clarke (AC)
Declarations of Interests	None
Public Questions	None
Previous Minutes Approved	Approval 20 th June 2017 Action/Decision Sheet

Item	Item	Action/ Decision
2	Introductions and Announcements	Last Sub-Committee meeting that VK will chair.
6	RDPE Growth Programme – Cotswolds: the Walking and Exploring Capital	<p>RW gave an update. Expression of interest at the end of May. Invited to submit a full bid with end of November submission date. The main goal will be supporting employment in rural areas. Create and sustain employment in rural towns and villages. Will hear in February if successful.</p> <p>If successful will spend the money on boards, design of the maps, path improvements. Does not cover staff or promotional time.</p> <p>Town council will take on maintenance of boards afterwards, the wardens and the highway authority will take on the paths.</p>
7	Discover England Fund – Round 2	<p>Funded by visit Britain, overseas tourists to visit other parts of England and not just London. Change perceptions of walking in the Cotswolds. Working with National Trails on this.</p> <p>VK asked that the paper to be slightly re-ordered. Note the update and approve the partnership agreement.</p>
8	Bathscape Project Update	<p>Need to get this written up by GIS maps and get this back to Bathscape by the end of the month. Bid hopefully be successful and get funding to deliver this in 2018. 95% along footpaths 5% along permissive routes, need authorisation from landowners.</p> <p>VK – HLF like to widen engagement. Buggys / wheels chairs etc. Does the budget include any improvement works? RW -Yes, it does.</p> <p>Does the office system have a recording system of where we can detail of lessons learnt exercise. Goes somewhere where it can be looked at by others. Staff turnover etc we lose this information. SS will raise this at the next management team meeting.</p>
9	Cotswolds Way – Quarterly Report to Natural England	<p>Submitted Q1 claim. In process of submitting Q2 and Q3.</p> <p>Budget discussed and accepted.</p>

10	National Trails Funding	<p>VK to talk to Martin Lane and RW about getting letters to our Cotswolds MPs regarding trail funding.</p> <p>HLF has a programme called resilient heritage, 100% grant if we got a bid for this. VK to talk to RW and Martin, can we provide a letter of support for this project.</p>
11	Caring for the Cotswolds (Visitor Giving)	<p>Launched back in May, signed up Cotswolds Distillery, have received few hundred pounds. Need a member of staff dedicated to sign up new businesses. Look at a steering group to see what we can do here.</p>
12	Other business	<p>Discussed the broad issues and the disconnect between access to the AONB and the costs to maintain the access, landscape and countryside, existing discussions out there in the board regarding post Brexit issues and farming issues. The Committee would like to be aware of what is being discussed.</p> <p>Message back to Executive Committee. We ought to consider seriously taking an AONB message to major council meetings. Take the idea on board and discuss it.</p>

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