

Agenda



Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership Board

Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 10.00 am

Moved to a remote meeting because of expected weather conditions

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James Price

Councillor David Rouane

Ian Boll

Dr Rosie Rowe

Simon Smith

Chair

Environmental NGO representative

Environmental NGO representative

DEFRA family of organisations

University representative

Farming representative

Local Authority member representative

Local Authority officer representative

Health representative

National landscape body representative

In attendance:

Matt Whitney

Becky Chesshyre

Susan Harbour

Kevin Jacob

Steve Proud

Tim Coates

Local Nature Partnership Manager

Strategic Partnerships Communications Officer

Strategic Partnerships Manager

Senior Democratic Services Officer

Land Management Director, BBOWT

North East Cotswold Farmer Cluster
representative

AGENDA

1 Apologies, conflicts of interest, Chair's announcements, welcome guests 10:00

2 Introduction to Perdiswell Farm 10:15

3 Notes of the previous meeting (Pages 4 - 9) 10:10

To consider the notes of the previous meeting held on 7 December 2022.

4 Oxfordshire's current affairs updates (Verbal Report) 10:15

Members of the Board to update one another on key matters of importance relevant to the LNP arising since the previous meeting.

5 Progress, additional resources and future funding (Pages 10 - 19) 10:25

As the Local Nature Partnership nears the end of the first of its two years of secure funding, the LNP Manager has drafted a progress report for Local Authority stakeholders. It is felt appropriate to explore other sources of additional funding and resource.

The Board is asked to comment on the progress report and suggest ways to:

1. ensure continuation funding from Local Authorities and;
2. secure a more diverse funding settlement including from other sources.

6 Towards a Land Use Framework for Oxfordshire 11:00
(Pages 20 - 23)

There are many competing demands being placed on land, including renewable energy, biofuels, nature, accessible greenspace, floodplains, trees, food production and housing. The Board is asked to consider if the Local Nature Partnership should support calls for the production of a Land Use Framework for Oxfordshire to reconcile these demands.

7 Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership Terms of Reference and membership (Pages 24 - 29) 11:30

This paper presents an update version of the OLNP Board Terms of Reference.

It also updates the Board on recruitment to replace the outgoing landowner representative and business representative.

Further, an additional Board member is proposed, with rationale provided for their membership.

8 Sub-groups update (Pages 30 - 37) 11:40

To consider an update on the work of the Local Nature Partnership subgroups, with a focus on the objectives of those groups. The report also seeks the Board's input on some questions of importance.

9 Any other business (Page 38) 11:55

Communications update
Finance update (attached)
DEFRA ELM convener opportunity

10 Dates of future meetings 12:00

To note the dates of future meetings set out below:

- 14 June 2023
- 13 September 2023
- 13 December 2023