

Agenda



Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership Board

Wednesday 13 September 2023 at 10.00 am
Virtual meeting via MS Teams

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Camilla Burrow
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Michelle Leek
Professor David Macdonald CBE
James Price
Councillor David Rouane
Ian Boll
Dr Rosie Rowe
Simon Smith
Tom Curtis

Chair
Environmental NGO representative
Landowner representative
Environmental NGO representative
Landscape scale delivery representative
DEFRA family of organisations
University representative
Farming representative
Local Authority member representative
Local Authority officer representative
Health representative
National landscape body representative
Business representative

In attendance:

Matt Whitney
Susan Harbour
Kevin Jacob
Chloe Edwards
Local Nature Partnership Manager
Strategic Partnerships Manager
Senior Democratic Services Officer
Local Nature Recovery Strategy Project
Manager

AGENDA

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

2 Notes of the previous meeting (Pages 4 - 13) 10:05

To consider the notes of the previous meeting held on 14 June 2023.

3 Local Nature Recovery Strategy progress and ambitions (Verbal Report) 10:10

Oxfordshire's new LNRS Project Manager will present an update on the progress and plans of the LNRS steering group. The Board is asked to welcome Chloe Edwards and provide key comments on progress, plans and ambitions.

4 Oxfordshire's current affairs update (Verbal Report) 10:30

Members of the Board to update one another on key matters of importance relevant to the Local Nature Partnership arising since the previous meeting, including feedback from the Future Oxfordshire Partnership process.

5 Oxfordshire Nature Fund (Pages 14 - 16) 10:45

LNP Manager presents a suggestion for an innovative financial facility to unblock barriers to leveraging private money for nature recovery.

The Board is asked to provide feedback on the concept, consider alternative approaches to addressing the problem, and suggest ways to capitalise such a fund.

6 Spotlight on Biodiversity Net Gain (Pages 17 - 21) 11:15

This paper provides some key considerations about Biodiversity Net Gain in England. Crucially, it includes:

- a set of principles we may wish to agree
- an overview of our work with LPAs on ensuring a robust methodology for offsite option
- a proposed communications flurry around requiring 20%

The Board is asked to endorse the principles, consider the work with the LPAs, and endorse our championing of a policy of 20% BNG.

7 Local Wildlife Sites within the Context of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (Pages 22 - 27) 11:35

This item provides an overview of the Local Wildlife Sites project and makes the case that it is important and worthy of expansion and increased security. Some proposals are made to achieve this.

8 Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership Manager Update (Pages 28 - 29) 11:50

The Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership Manager to provide an update of important conversations and actions over the last three months that are not captured in other agenda business.

9 Any other business 11:55

10 Dates of future meetings Suggested agenda timing

To note the dates of the next meeting as 13 December 2023.