

**The Breckland  
Partnership (LSP)  
'ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROJECT GROUP'**



the **Breckland Partnership**  
*working together for a brighter future*

**4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009  
2.00 PM NORFOLK ROOM,  
ELIZABETH HOUSE**

<b>Attendees:</b>	
<p>Mark Fretwell – Partnership Officer (LSP), BDC  Sarah Bruton – Environmental Services Manager, BDC  Sarah Simpson – Environmental Awareness Co-ordinator, BDC  Andrea Long – Environmental Planning Manager. BDC  Gordon Partridge – Principle Environmental Health Officer, BDC  Sylvie King – Environmental Services Support Officer, BDC  David Ovenden – Dereham Area Partnership  Jan Godfrey – Wayland Partnership  Matt Wicks – Energy Savings Trust</p>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>
<p>Apologies were received from Martin Seymour, Mike Austin, Paul Elliott, Trevor Holden, Mark Stokes, Linda Rogers, Jim Mullenger, John Dixon, Katie Elliott, Anita Brennan.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Introductions</b>
<p>SB advised that Environmental Services have taken on co-ordination of the Environment Strategy and are currently working on the action plan for year 2 and hope to incorporate partnership projects.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Current Projects / Ideas</b>
<p><b>Green Village - GP</b>  This project is designed at working with organisations within villages to get them to sign up to be more energy efficient by getting insulation through the eaga trust. BDC will get a referral fee from eaga trust and this money will be made available for environmental enhancements within the villages.</p> <p><b>Fuel Poverty Programme - GP</b>  Aimed at helping those in fuel poverty. Giving advice, information and access to grants etc.</p> <p><b>Community Compost Scheme - SB</b>  Encouraging villages to have an area for Communal Composting which will reduce the numbers using the brown bin service, thus reducing carbon footprint.</p> <p><b>Virtual Eco House - SB</b>  Creating a virtual eco house which will also be an exemplar of fire safety and police security. Also links to available grants. Possibility also to train developers in creating eco friendly homes.</p> <p><b>Environment Week - SS</b>  Two week long events to raise awareness of environmental issues. The events</p>	

will be held in each of the five market towns, where possible on market days.

**Community Rangers - SB**

Looking to recruit new rangers and the possibility of training them to be able to give general advice on energy efficiency / fire safety within their parishes.

**Bio-diversity – Improved management of County Wildlife Sites – AL**

There are a huge number of local, privately owned wildlife sites. Looking to encourage owners to participate actively in managing these sites.

**Cittaslow Schemes GP**

Project aimed at bringing the community together by looking at ways of taking a step back and having a more sustainable pace of life – Becoming plastic bag free, improving buildings / public transport, holding farmers markets and installing low energy street lights.

**Thermal Imaging Data SS**

BDC are seeking funding for thermal imaging equipment to seek out areas that need to be more energy efficient. There is also potential to sell this information to industry to recover the costs.

**Travel Plans – AL**

Getting businesses to look at how their staff get to and from work and the look at ways they could reduce their carbon footprint.

**Green Initiatives - MF**

Breckland Council are investigating possibility of having their own wind turbine and have taken positive steps in aiding the planning process.

**Grant award scheme - MF**

Funding to be available for environmental projects throughout the district.

**Starter Projects**

It was agreed that the Virtual Eco-House and Environment Week projects are to be taken forward to the LSP project board. SB/SS to put together more detailed information. Mark Fretwell to write a report to take to the next LSP Board on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Summary of Actions		Owned By	Date Required
Put together more information on key projects to take to LSP Project Board.		SB/SS	ASAP
<b>Distribution:</b>			
Distributed to all present and apologies			
<b>Author:</b>	Sylvie King	<b>Date:</b>	09.02.09
<b>Date &amp; Time of Next &amp; Future Meetings</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2 – 4 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2 – 4 19 <sup>th</sup> August 10 - 12 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2 – 4	<b>Venue:</b>	Norfolk Room, Elizabeth House, Dereham, NR19 1EE

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