

Date: 5/4/18
Time: 10-12
Venue: Tyneside House

1. Present: Lesley Silvera/ GWK (Sec), Michele MacCallum/GWK, John Robinson (NCC), Rob Carr/ EA, Chris Watson/ GWK, Chris Barnard/ Ouseburn Trust, Danielle Anderson-Walker/ TRT

Apologies: Jennine Jonczyk/ UO, Andrew Burnett (NTC)

2. Introductions

3. Rob Carr/ Environment Agency:

1. Gave a rationale for sub-catchment partnerships and that this one could lead on from the river restoration project in the upper catchment.
2. Tyne Estuary project to be established 2018-2019
3. MetroGreen project is being developed by Gateshead Council and will be part of the Tyne Estuary project
4. Problem areas on Ouseburn are:
 - o Gosforth Nature Reserve project (Natural History Soc of N'bria) – heavily modified water body, phosphate, water levels are not understood.
 - o Woodlea allotments nr Victory Pub – bank erosion and manure
 - o Little Moor allotments – road drainage and pollution from Byker
 - o Dents Mire Bridge – high water flows
 - o School House allotments – CSO issues
 - o Salters Rd Allotments
 - o Ouseburn Farm – manure – would benefit from a bund.

4. John Robinson/ NCC:

1. Invasive species issues – JR has maps from DHB
2. Water quality in Ouseburn – floating reedbeds, navigation, boat owners group, ochre colouration
3. Golf club – erosion, old river channel could be improved, invasives
4. Ouseburn Culvert is 600m long
5. Weirs through Jesmond Dene – feasibility on notching weirs, HAR, designed andscape, designated structures
6. Water Ranger routes – monitored by NW
7. Cowgate – Moor – Sandyford Burn

5. Chris Barnard/ Ouseburn Trust

1. Env't sub-group
2. Woodland
3. Highways drainage

6. Future projects:

1. Daylighting culverts could be a future project / JR

2. How to combine Newcastle denes and streams project with Ouseburn? Join Newcastle and Ouseburn into a catchment partnership?
3. SWECO is leading HWE's Environment Fund (A1x 3 lanes project)
4. Rob is submitting bid for Don, Team and Ouseburn (SUDS at Newcastle Great Park)

AOB:

Michael Chaplin has been commissioned to do an item on Historic watercourses in Newcastle for the Great Exhibition of the North
WEG applications due in by 25 April

Next meeting : tbc