

River Don Catchment Partnership Meeting

Wednesday 14 October 2020

10.05-11.35am Virtual (MS Teams) see appointment for details

NOTES AND ACTIONS - Draft

River Don Catchment Vision

'A healthy and biodiverse catchment that is valued and enjoyed, contributing to the economic and social well-being of local communities.'

	Hello and Welcome	Rob Carr	Rob welcomed all to the meeting and apologised for the late start to the meeting due to a power cut and access issues.
	Quick introductions	All	Quick round of introductions and welcome to new members.
	IAMP	Rob Carr EA	Rob advised that we are waiting for an update from the IAMP project team around any decision re River Restoration. We also discussed the progress of the Follingsby MAX river restored site which has had a few issues with the channel/runoff and seeding/
	Highways England / Costain	Rob Carr EA	Work is progressing on both Testos Roundabout and Downhill Lane junction major schemes. There was a significant silt pollution incident back in Dec 2019 where the EA are taking enforcement action. Rob has submitted the Hedworth Dene JBA report to HE as an improving for funding to address the fish passage obstructions.
	Tyne Rivers Trust Update	Liz Walters TyRT	Liz gave an update on work at Washington Riding School. The Green Recovery Challenge Fund applications were discussed at Primrose Liz and Mark to discuss the site moving forwards (Action Liz and Mark) Liz has submitted East House Farm Obstruction to the EA's Fish Improvement Programme for funding.
	Action for Wildlife – Project Concepts	Mark Dinning DWT	Mark took us through the 6 options from the report. He will arrange a survey to be sent out to CP members and also get DWT funding officer to review and suggest possible funding streams (Action Mark)
	Northumbrian Water	Sally Askew NWL	Sally took us through the current misconnections list and an update on how the teams were working during covid times. Sally has sent an update on the current misconnections in the catchment – attached to email

	Pollution Incidents	Lynda Kelley EA	Lynda gave us an update on the 2 significant pollution incidents: HE/Costain mentioned above and a silt pollution on the Monkton burn being investigated at present.
	Things to think about moving forward	All	<p>Rob would like to review the potential Flood Alleviation Schemes with the CP (new 6 year programme starting 21/22) to see if there are any opportunities to collaborate and get wider benefits. (Action rob to add to future agenda items)</p> <p>Headworth Dene weirs – see HE/Costain update above</p> <p>Rob to catch up with Clare Rawcliffe about Brockly Whins and Network Rail (Action Rob)</p> <p>Rob has requested WQ Sonde monitoring along the Don for 21/22 and awaiting funding allocation/confirmation.</p>
	AOB	All	Gayle Wilson advised that Gateshead are currently looking at plans to improve the salt storage site at Follingsby which previously drained to the Don.
	Date of next meeting Thanks and Goodbye	Rob Carr	Rob will arrange next meeting for Dec/Jan (Action Rob)