

**ENABLE Steering Group Meeting**  
**Minutes of Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2003, 2:00pm**  
**Leicestershire County Council**

<b>In Attendance</b> Peter Winkless, County Council Cabinet Member for the Environment Mags Bainbridge, LRWT Chris Clarke, Soar Valley Protection Society Ruth Fenney, Leics & Rutland Fed. of Women's Institutes Danny Goodwin, North West Leics DC Katie Hemsley, Melton Borough Council Roger Hockney, Leicestershire CC Mary Hufford, Leicestershire CC Karl Letten, Hinckley and Bosworth BC Tony Lockley, Leicestershire CC David Nicholls, Environ Neil Pike, English Nature Steve Proffit, Environment Agency Leslie Sarvis, Leicestershire CC Clare Sharpe, Oadby & Wigston BC Sally Smart, Glenfield Wildlife Group/PC Alan Tuppen, Leicestershire CC Peter Williams, Leicestershire CC Donna Worship, Leicestershire CC	<b>Apologies</b> John Adams, Environment Agency Kathy Astbury, Leicestershire Constabulary Chris Brooke, Leicestershire CC Stewart Conway, Small Medium Enterprise Energy Advice Centre Paul Evans, Melton Borough Council Alastair Leake, Allerton Research Trust Andy Lingham, UK Coal Mining, Ltd. Derek Lott, Leics Museums, Arts & Records Service Tony Marmont, Beacon Energy, Ltd. David Noble, Charnwood Borough Council Lesley Peasant, Environmental Network
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**1. Apologies**

Mr. Winkless, chairman of the Partnership, called the meeting to order. Apologies received are listed in the minutes.

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting, 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2003 were approved as written.

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Agreeing Terms of Reference**

Two proposed changes to the Terms of Reference were received from Mary Hufford and Mags Bainbridge. They included changing the wording of the Vision Statement to: "Leicestershire will become a County where every individual and organisation ~~values their local area~~ **cherishes their locality** and takes action to protect natural resources and enhance the environment, both locally and globally, for present and future generations." The second bullet point of the Vision Statement will be changed to "where ~~wildlife~~ **biodiversity** and heritage is valued and conserved." There were no objections to these word changes, and the group agreed the Terms of Reference. A copy of the final Terms of Reference will be included with the minutes.

## **5. Election of a Vice Chair**

No nominations were sent to DW before the meeting. During the meeting Chris Clarke nominated Sally Smart and she accepted the nomination. As there were no objections, Sally Smart is now Vice Chair of the Partnership.

## **6. Choosing a name**

Fourteen suggestions were sent in for a new name for the Partnership. The Steering Group voted on the names, and the winner was Environment Action for a Better Leicestershire (ENABLE). The Partnership will now be referred to as ENABLE.

## **7. Setting priorities for action**

DW asked the group for feedback on ENABLE producing an Environment Strategy. There are already several strategies available from other organisations, so we don't want to duplicate those or produce a strategy that tries to tackle all environmental issues. However, it is important that ENABLE communicate its purpose and priorities to other organisations, as they will be looking to ENABLE for leadership and guidance. DW handed out a listing of the common themes that other strategies are already addressing. A Strategy Statement or Statement of Issues could be drafted that states ENABLE's priorities and fills in the gaps of issues missing from other strategies as well as the FABLE document. A sub-group was formed to discuss the way forward with this statement. Volunteers for the sub-group are: Karl Letten, Clare Sharpe, David Nicholls, Ruth Fenney, Tony Lockley, Donna Worship and Peter Williams.

## **8. Community Strategy update**

The second draft of the Leicestershire Community Strategy was released on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, and the deadline for comments is 30<sup>th</sup> April. Copies of the draft were handed out to the steering group and will be mailed out with the minutes. Also handed out was a paper highlighting the environmental priorities in the Community Strategy, and what actions ENABLE should take to influence these priorities. It was pointed out that ENABLE is already identified in the Community Strategy as carrying out actions, for example investigating the impacts of climate change and developing a strategy for mitigation. Is ENABLE's role to carry out these actions or to influence other organisations to carry them out? There is a leadership role for ENABLE in the Community Strategy, and this role should be clarified in a Strategy Statement. The sub-group will discuss how ENABLE's role will be defined, priorities and actions to take, and targets to pull out from the other strategies to circulate to the steering group.

## **9. Upcoming events and campaigns**

The following announcements were made:

- 19<sup>th</sup> April – Hinckley Local Food Fair will be held at the Hinckley Leisure Centre. Please contact Karl Letten for more information at 01455 268 141 x340, karl.letten@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk.
- 27<sup>th</sup> April – The Robert Smythe School arboretum project is having its one-year celebration to recognise the work that's been accomplished to date. There will be a work party in the morning and a walk around the premises in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend! Please contact Mary Hufford for more information at 0116 265 6614 or mhufford@leics.gov.uk.
- 9<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm – A presentation on the findings of Hinckley Borough Council's Renewable Energy will be given at Dixie Arms. Please contact Karl Letten for more information.

- 25<sup>th</sup> June – Food for a Better Leicestershire, and sustainable food procurement and catering event sponsored by Sustain, Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Food Links and Friends of the Earth. Contact Donna Worship at 0116 265 7242 ([dworship@leics.gov.uk](mailto:dworship@leics.gov.uk)) or Leslie Sarvis at 0116 265 7332 ([lsarvis@leics.gov.uk](mailto:lsarvis@leics.gov.uk)) for more information.
- Charnwood Wildlife has contracted assessment work on Japanese Knotweed. Contact Sally Smart for more information at 0116 231 2807 or [sallysmart@care4free.net](mailto:sallysmart@care4free.net).
- The NW Leicestershire District Council draft Community Strategy is available for comment until the end of May. Please contact Danny Goodwin if you would like a copy at 01530 454 609 or [danny.goodwin@nwleicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:danny.goodwin@nwleicestershire.gov.uk).

A question was raised if ENABLE will promote events? RH said that he expected ENABLE to run some events. In addition, the wider partnership will want information about these events and to possibly have some involvement. This can be a discussion item on the agenda for the next meeting.

It was suggested that a monthly email be sent to members of ENABLE who have email to inform them of upcoming events and campaigns. Donna Worship and Leslie Sarvis will compile the emails and send them out as one monthly email. **Members should email their announcements by the last day of each month to Leslie at [lsarvis@leics.gov.uk](mailto:lsarvis@leics.gov.uk) to be included in the next month's compiled email. We will strive to send this out by the middle of each month. Please send announcements as word attachments to the email so that they can easily be cut and pasted into a compiled word document. Also, please include your contact details for more information.**

#### **10. Any other business**

No other business arose.

#### **11. Date of Next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> June at Brocks Hill**. Directions to Brocks Hill will be sent with the agenda for the next meeting.

The dates of the meetings for the rest of the year are:

- Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00am
- Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00pm