

Management Scheme

HUMBER ADVISORY GROUP

6pm, Wednesday 23rd February 2011.

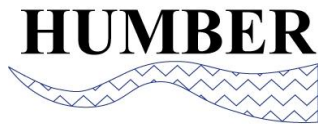
Waters' Edge Visitors Centre, Barton

Agenda

Tea and coffee available from 17.45			
1.	Introductions and apologies.	Start 6pm	Chair/all
2	Minutes and matters arising from meeting held 24.11.10		Chair/all
3.	Appointment of HAG Chair and Vice Chairs		Tania Davey/All
4.	HAG feedback on the Humber Estuary European Marine Site (EMS): - Opportunity for HAG members to report any sightings or issues in relation to the EMS - HAG's relationship with HERAG. Frequency of meetings.		All Adrian Koster
5.	Update on Humber Management Scheme (10 minute update) - Humber Management Scheme review - Recreational disturbance - Communication 'what should the HMS key messages be'?		Humber Project Manager
6.	Update on the Humber sub-tidal report (10 minute update)		Will MacLennan, Natural England
7.	Wildlife Trusts in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire South Humber Bank Wildlife and People Project, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust (15 minutes) Shoresearch, seasearch and the wider Yorkshire marine programme Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (15 minutes)		Emma Wilmot, LWT Kat Sanders YWT
8.	Future agenda items. Date, venue of next meetings		Chair/All
		Meeting end 8.15pm	

Actions from previous meeting:

- **On-going and future HERAG/HAG relationship, Agenda item 4.**
- **TD to arrange recreational disturbance review meeting.**



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Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2011.

6pm, Waters' Edge Visitors Centre, Barton upon Humber

1. Introductions and Apologies

Present

Adrian Koster	HAG Chair
Andrew Gibson	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (HAG Vice Chair)
Darren Clarke	Humber INCA
Dave Mouncey	Humber Yawl Club, South Ferriby Parish Council
Lionel Grooby	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
Nev Jones	Ex HAG Chair
Tania Davey	HMS Project Manager
Tom Jaynes	ABP/HERAG
Nadine Rolls	East Riding of Yorkshire Council/HERAG, standing in for Vaughan Grantham
Will MacLennan	Natural England/HERAG
Jon Capel	Yorkshire Naturalists' Union/FoE/Marinet standing in for Bill Rigby
Kat Sanders	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
Emma Wilmot	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
Phil Arnott	BASS

Apologies

Chris Manning	Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board and the Isle of Axholme Internal Drainage Board
Bill Rigby	Hull Environment Forum
Sgt David Jenkins	Humberside Police
Mike Speakman	Northcoates Flying Club
Anna Moody	Alkborough Flats Nature Reserve
Andrew Taylor	HERAG Chair/NL Council
Daryl Burdon	HAG Vice-Chair/IECS
Vaughan Grantham	East Riding of Yorkshire Council/HERAG

2. Minutes and matters arising from the HAG meeting 24th November 2010

Matters arising:

- AK asked about the HMS update including Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which he had commented on previously at HERAG. TD reported that the MoU will be used to update the various group Terms of Reference. AK suggested a date to do this should be arranged. JC volunteered to contribute via email to the update.
- DC & JC proposed sign off of minutes. The group agreed.

ACTION: TD to arrange meeting to undertake review of Terms of Reference.

3. Appointment of HAG Chair and Vice-Chairs

- TD invited interest in the positions of HAG Chair and Vice-Chairs.
- AK accepted to continue as Chair. AG also reported he was happy to continue as Vice-Chair. TD received email confirmation that DB was happy to continue as Vice-Chair. The group agreed to the reappointments of Chair and Vice-Chairs.
- TD thanked the Chair and Vice-Chairs for their contribution over the past year. JC seconded this.

4. HAG feedback on the Humber Estuary European Marine Site (EMS)

- **Recreational disturbance study:** AG feedback on the HMS recreational disturbance study:
 - AG sits on the recreational disturbance steering group representing YWT, LWT and HAG. The steering group has a wide representation. AG highlighted potential of involving more groups such as the Angling Trust. PA highlighted that he is also happy to represent angling interests.
 - The 2010 desk based study was a positive step and highlighted gaps and work to take forward with limited resources. The steering group is helping to take forward the next steps.
 - TD highlighted that the next steps were to take forward work to understand visitor numbers and activities. TD highlighted the importance of HAGs involvement in this work. The work is likely to start late summer.
 - AG also summarised a meeting held to look at short-term activities to raise awareness of the sensitivity of the site with recreational users.
 - AK ask on the basis of “need to know” that he is included to attend future Recreational Disturbance meetings, the next being 29th June 2011. TD reported that this meeting was to analyse tenders and suggested the first meeting with the consultants would be more appropriate.
- **HAG feedback on EMS:** TD highlighted that this is potentially a standard agenda item to provide an opportunity for HAG to feedback on positive sightings or incidences that may impact on the Humber Estuary European Marine Site.
- **Spurn:** AG raised that Spurn is the most accessible berth for development for offshore wind. Spurn is a changing environment with a single road and this should be considered in planning. TJ reported that Spurn is not being considered as a staging post for offshore wind.
- **Visual landscape:** AG asked if HAG should comment on the visual landscape of the Humber. The group discussed that some members in attendance will naturally be consulted on development. DC suggested that the HAG Terms of Reference should outline priority areas for HAG which would help to define what HAG should comment on. LG also commented that the development proposals for the Humber are quite developed.
- **Tourism:** JC raised that the group does not have a tourism perspective on the group. LG reported that the Wildlife Trusts are very interested in green tourism. EW reported it is very difficult to know which organisations could appropriately represent tourism. AG highlighted the ecotourism project which Yorkshire Wildlife Trust have recently completed and proposed this as a future HAG talk.
- **Humberside police:** TD highlighted the Humberside Police phone number **0845 6060 222** to report any incidences along the Humber as soon as they occur. DM reported that he will be volunteering as a Countryside Watch warden and will be attending training soon. AK asked what David Jenkins role is currently with Humberside Police.
- **HERAG/HAG:** AK suggested a further meeting to discuss this. AK highlighted that there is a close relationship with HERAG that also HAG would be improved equally knowing about Humber INCA at first-hand in the context of the “need to know more” to balance HAGs awareness of development issues with that of environment. DC highlighted that Humber INCA attend HAG meetings, hosts the Humber Management Scheme and has a close working relationship with the Project Manager.
- **HAG Leaflet:** HAG discussed how to best engage with other users of the estuary and AK suggested the idea of the group’s own dedicated leaflet to enable HAG to attract increased membership, create awareness of HAGs role, etc, because the Codes of Conduct publication does fulfil that purpose despite HAGs key involvement in that publication.. The group agreed for this to be discussed.at the same time as the HERAG/HAG relationship.

ACTION:

- **TD to ask Martin Batt at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to present the ecotourism project at the next meeting**
- **TD to confirm Sgt David Jenkins role.**
- **AK/TD to organise a further meeting to discuss HERAG/HAG**
- **To consider inviting Able UK**

5. Update on Humber Management Scheme

- TD highlighted that most annexes have now been reviewed and with information from the workshops held, actions will be drafted over the next few months. Potential future actions for HAG will be discussed at the next meeting. TD also highlighted the summary report from the workshop held in November which can be found at <http://humberems.co.uk/downloads/Summary%20workshop%2001%2011%2010%20FINAL.pdf>
- TD also highlighted that as part of the review, a communications strategy is being drafted. TD presented potential key messages to the Group.
 - PA suggested that who is involved in the partnership should be defined.
 - EW suggested a strapline with logos.
 - DC suggested something that was simple and could be summarise easily.
 - DM highlighted that this could be tied in with a leaflet.
 - The group agreed that point 5 should be removed
 - EW suggested that it needs to be clear what we want to achieve through the message e.g. awareness about the HMS, education about the European Marine Site.
- TD highlighted that HAG BTCV insurance had been renewed.

ACTION:

- TD to circulate key messages to group
- HAG to comment by email
- TD to circulate a copy of the HAG BTCVinsurance policy

6. Update on the Humber sub-tidal report

- WM presented information on the sub-tidal project following work commissioned by Natural England to Dr Nev Jones. The presentation can be viewed at <http://humberems.co.uk/downloads/Subtidal%20presentation%2023.02.pdf>
- PA and DM informed WM that they have information which may be useful to this work.
- AK asked for the Sub-tidal collation presentation to be appended to the minutes and that HAG members will continue to contribute where possible until completion of the report.

ACTION:

- HAG to contact WM at Natural England with any further details on the sub-tidal William.MacLennan@naturalengland.org.uk

7. Wildlife Trusts: Estuarine, marine, locally

South Humber Wildlife and People Project, Emma Wilmot, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

- EM presented the South Humber Wildlife and People Project, a HLF funded project which has lasted over the past 5 years with support from a range of partners. The project aim was to allow intellectual access to the countryside.
- The project involved education and capital development work such as at Thornton Abbey.
- Recently the South Humber Heritage Trail has been completed. Signage has been installed between Burton upon Stather and Barton upon Humber and 8000 leaflets have been produced about the history and environment of the area. The project involved a lot of community engagement.

Living Seas: Awareness, research and Education. Kat Sanders, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

- KS summarised the Wildlife Trust's Living Seas campaign and highlighted awareness raising work which has taken place in Yorkshire since 2010. The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust is now in the process of developing a marine visitor's centre at Flamborough Head.
- The presentation can be viewed at <http://humberems.co.uk/downloads/YWT%20Living%20seas%2023.02.11.pdf>

8. Future agenda items. Date, venue of next meeting

- HAG to contact TD to suggest future agenda items
- DC commented on the structure of future agendas. He suggested feedback on the HMS followed by a couple of items which require HAG feedback, and then a couple of 5 minute update/talks from around the estuary.
- AK raised whether a daytime or evening meeting would be more suitable for HAG members.

ACTION:

- TD to email HAG to consult on time and day of meeting.

Date of next meeting: 3pm, 17th May 2011, Waters' Edge Visitors Centre

TD/AK, April 2011