



Management Scheme

HUMBER ADVISORY GROUP

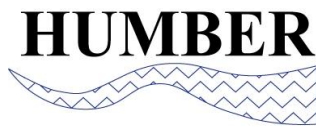
3pm, Tuesday 17th May 2011

Waters' Edge Visitors Centre, Barton upon Humber, DN18 5JR

Agenda

1.	Introductions and apologies.	Chair/all
2.	Minutes and matters arising from meeting held 23.02.11	Chair/all
3.	Able UK: developments on the Humber	Neil Etherington, Able UK
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	All
5.	Discussion: Draft HMS priorities	All
6.	Update on Humber Management Scheme - Recreational disturbance	Humber Project Manager
7.	Update of review HAG Terms of Reference	Andrew Gibson/Daryl Burdon
8.	Future agenda items. Date, venue of next meetings	Chair/All

AK/DB/AG/TD May 2011



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Minutes of the meeting held on 17th May

3pm, Waters' Edge Visitors Centre, Barton upon Humber

1. Introductions and Apologies

Present

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
Tania Davey	HMS Project Manager
Tom Jeynes	ABP/HERAG
Jon Capel	Yorkshire Naturalists' Union/Marinet standing in for Bill Rigby
Phil Arnott	BASS
Vaughan Grantham	East Riding of Yorkshire Council/HERAG
Neil Etherington	Able UK

Apologies

Chris Manning	Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board and the Isle of Axholme Internal Drainage Board
Bill Rigby	Hull Environment Forum
Mike Speakman	Northcoates Flying Club
Andrew Taylor	HERAG Chair/NL Council
Daryl Burdon	HAG Vice-Chair/IECS
Adrian Koster	HAG Chair
Nev Jones	Ex HAG Chair
Will Maclennan	Natural England/HERAG
Kat Sanders	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
Emma Wilmot	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
Martin Batt	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
Andrew Taylor	North Lincolnshire Council/HERAG
Mike Elliott	IECS, University of Hull

2. Minutes and matters arising from meeting held 23.02.11

- AG explained that AK would be taking a sabbatical from HAG for the next few weeks and AG would be chairing the meeting. TD thanked AG.
- AG/TD updated the group that work is out for tender for visitor surveys on the Humber to collect baseline data for recreational disturbance.
- AG informed the group on a Green Port Humber scoping meeting. He raised the potential increased recreational interest in green energy e.g. people wanting to view turbines being shipped to the North Sea from the Humber. AG wanted to flag this up through Humber Management Scheme. TD highlighted that the HMS visitor survey work would be looking at potential increases in recreational disturbance.
- On the HERAG/HAG relationship AG concluded that there is a good relationship. The group agreed.
- The group suggested a discussion on the proposed HAG leaflet to raise awareness of the group
- TD updated the group on the role of Sgt David Jenkins in relation to Wildlife Crime. Sgt David Jenkins is the Force Deputy Director (Wildlife Crime) which means that he is the Force Coordinator for Wildlife Crime issues and Central Point of contact and liaison for any related problems or issues. He has the facility to allocate enquiries to 1 of 4 specialist Wildlife Crime Officers, one for each Division and will occasionally deal with some incidents himself. DC pointed out that it was very positive to have a central contact for wildlife crime issues.
- DM informed the group that there was no update on Countryside Watch but Sgt David Jenkins was coordinating this scheme.
- TD updated that the comments received on key HMS messages were very useful and they will feed into the HMS communications plan.
- The Group agreed the minutes as a true record

3. Able UK: Humber Developments, Neil Etherington

- NE kindly gave a presentation to HAG on wind turbine development and manufacture in the Humber including the Able Marine Energy Park proposal. To view the presentation [click here](#).
- The group discussed the Humber Able developments
- AG raised that the compensation for loss of habitat the Able Marine Energy Park development has been identified on the north bank. LG highlighted that it is not first time north bank compensation has taken place for south bank development and vice versa and highlighted it is very difficult to get like for like.
- AG highlighted the links to recreational disturbance: compensatory sites are seen as a benefit for people e.g. increased access and recreational facility. However this could cause recreational disturbance. LG raised that compensation in unproductive areas could be converted into very productive land for net gain.
- VG highlighted that compensatory sites provide an opportunity to design and target access
- AG highlighted that it is positive that developers talk to conservation bodies and groups such as HAG. NE highlighted that Able UK have learnt the importance of listening to stakeholders.
- DC summarised the mitigation strategy for loss of roosting habitat
- NE commented that he would not rule out opportunities to discuss a joined up approach with other developers such as ABP for compensation and mitigation.
- AG offered Able and other industry the opportunity to talk to conservation bodies to seek advice
- JC raised that other more traditional industry need to be education on land use e.g. farmers

4. HAG feedback on the Humber Estuary European Marine Site

- DM highlighted that Countryside Watch will be for activities such as deer poaching. TD suggested Countryside Watch could be an opportunity to raise awareness about the Humber European Marine Site designations and the HMS reporting form etc.
- AG raised recreational flying on outer Humber as a discussion point; there are no wildlife related height flying restrictions on Humber. However, Gibraltar Point has 2000ft restriction and North Norfolk has a 500ft restriction. AG would like HMS to look into this and to engage with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and local aerodromes. AG has informed Natural England that those in aviation work in ft where as Natural England work in metres; this needs to be addressed.
- The group asked what powers the CAA have. AG reported that the remit is based on the weight of craft; very light crafts such as paragliders fall outside their control.
- DM reported that in Winteringham, helicopters land and fly low.
- Everyone agreed this is something which the HMS could take forward.
- The group discussed the impact of commercial versus recreational flying.
- TD suggested that it would be best to take a Humber wide approach, working with users on awareness raising and education and collecting information. AG agreed that recreational activities should be dealt with through education and commercial activity within the legislation.
- LG highlighted that there is always something in sky – police helicopter probably one of most disturbing.
- TD suggested that this could be raised through Sgt through David Jenkins
- PA highlighted that evidence of disturbance is required. DM highlighted that evidence has been provided to Natural England.

ACTIONS:

TD to raise with HERAG Working Group

AG to speak to Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust about how Gibraltar Point obtained restrictions.

5. Discussion: Draft HMS priorities

- TD summarised that the review and consultation over the past year has allowed the HMS to update its priorities and this was an opportunity to share these with HAG.
- TD summarised that statutory activities which take place were very important to meet the HMS aim to manage the Humber European Marine Site. Other key priorities in the future are likely to include habitats & species management, recreation and tourism, communication, monitoring, information and research and integrated management and forward planning.
- PA raised that fish such as Smelt, which are an important feature of the estuary, are not included in the designations. The group discussed that the HMS could be more all encompassing and this should be fed back to the Relevant Authorities.
- The group raised that HAG should continue to have opportunity to comment and feedback information on statutory activities to Relevant Authorities.
- JC commented that the updated priorities provide Relevant Authorities the opportunity to do more forward planning for the Humber Estuary European Marine Site.

ACTION:**TD to feedback HAG response to Relevant Authorities****6. Update on Humber Management Scheme – recreational disturbance**

- TD highlighted that once consultants are appointed, they will be invited to a HAG meeting.
- AG commented that the recreational disturbance study may have wide implications for a number of organisations.

7. HAG update to Terms of Reference Review

- JC commented that the updated Terms of Reference were good
- JC suggested in 1.5 that HAG should encourage and where appropriate undertake actions. The group agreed.
- DC asked if the group thought if under the role of the group, input on consultations should be included. DC commented that it is difficult for the group to have a lobbying function as too many organisations are involved. AG recognised the mix of groups and people involved in HAG, but the group is not set up to undertake such activities.
- VG commented that there is opportunity for local lobbying for specific management issues for the Humber Estuary European Marine Site.
- The group agreed that HAG will not respond to consultation

ACTIONS:**TD to email the draft updated Terms of Reference out the group for review****HAG to email any comments to TD and discuss at the next meeting****8. Future agenda items. Date, venue of next meeting**

Potential future agenda item suggestions:

- Existing and potential tourism on around the estuary – Martin Batt (YWT) and Christine Edwards on the South Humber Collection (North Lincolnshire Council).
- Current status of Spurn
- Awareness raising with traditional industry e.g. farmers
- Civil Aviation Authority or Humberside Airport
- Countryside Watch
- HAG Terms of Reference

Date of next meeting6pm, 14th September 2011. Waters' Edge Visitors Centre, Barton upon Humber