

RIVER DEBEN ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting Wednesday June 19th 2024 at 6.30pm
at Walnut Tree House, Summer Lane, Bromeswell

1.	<p>Present: Colin Nicholson (Chair), Caroline Peeke, Matt Lis, Liz Hattan, Moray MacPhail, Sue Orme, Julia Jones, Robert Brinkley</p> <p>Apologies: Tristan McConnell, Anna-Marie Sellon, Ben Grundy, Jane Havilland</p> <p>CN welcomed Robert Brinkley to the committee, representing the Felxstowe Ferry area</p>	Action
2.	<p>New Declarations of Interest:</p> <p>None</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the meeting of 15th May 24: The minutes were approved.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising - none</p>	
5.	<p>Treasurer and Membership Update (MM)</p> <p>MM had circulated a accounts and membership report prior to the meeting – all in good order.</p>	
6.	<p>Magazine, RDA Journal and Website: (JJ)</p> <p>JJ reported that next Deben magazine is underway, deadline for articles is Aug 31st.</p> <p>Requested RB to think about an article related to Felixstowe Ferry</p> <p>Also requested an article regarding designations along the river and what they mean from LH</p> <p>ML has already written a review of the film shown on Blue Mermaid, JJ requested that one of the Woodbridge Boatyard apprentices who spent a week on Blue Mermaid might write about their experience</p> <p>A-MS is writing My Deben and an article on Angling is being considered.</p> <p>JJ also thanked Alan Comber for his patience and efforts in publishing the latest Journal Article</p> <p>A meeting has been arranged on July 8th to discuss Website amendments and social media.</p> <p>ML to provide cost of sign for Lady Alice Kenlis</p> <p>Woodbridge museum has expressed an interest in being involved with the wording of the sign.</p>	<p>RB</p> <p>LH</p> <p>ML</p> <p>CN/TM/A-MS</p> <p>ML</p>
7.	<p>Report from the Nature and Conservation Sub-Committee:</p> <p>Map of tank emptying facilities, public toilet and shower facilities on the river so gaps are visible and can be discussed with Anglian Water – in progress</p> <p>EA Bathing Water Monitoring –CN to write a summary for website together with link to full report</p> <p>SWT River Fly Monitoring – No change</p> <p>Fish Survey – To be funded jointly be RDA and SWT</p> <p>Otter Survey – No change</p> <p>Plastic Prevention – No Change</p>	<p>CN</p> <p>CN</p>
8.	<p>Deben Forum Preparations (ML):</p> <p>Invitation and invitees largely finalised, Anglian Water, Suffolk Sails and Sutton Hoo Ships Company to be added. MMO also to be invited</p> <p>Date and location TBA</p>	ML/CN/BG
9.	<p>Planning Update (SO):</p>	

	<p>Wickham Market solar farm has been approved by a very narrow margin, so there is a possibility someone may appeal.</p> <p>No formal planning application has been submitted yet for the old Suffolk Coastal Council office site.</p> <p>Need to check recent applications. There is a lot of activity on the E Suffolk planning site but mostly related to Sizewell C and bringing wind power ashore</p>	SO
10.	<p>DEP (CN)</p> <p>Environment Agency has no funding available to assist in Levelling-up Flood Cell 1. DEP Trustees' £125K Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) can be used for preparatory works</p>	
11	<p>East Coast Rivers Partnership (CN)</p> <p>Deben Source to Sea Project</p> <p>Applying for water restoration Fund monies for buffer strips</p>	
12.	<p>RDA Structure and Roles</p> <p>The committee are reviewing the current structure of the RDA , roles etc, further information on this will be available in due course</p>	
13.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was an RDA stall at the regatta, but maybe this isn't the right event for the RDA to get much interest. However the flip side is that it is good for the RDA to support the regatta. Potential to have a stall at Martlesham Village Day. • Need to keep a watching brief on the changes to nutrient neutrality legislation 	JH
14.	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Committee meeting: Tues July 23rd, venue Southfields, Fayrefield Rd, Melton, IP12 1NX</p>	