

**RUSHCLIFFE NATURE CONSERVATION STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP**  
**MEETING NOTES**  
**6pm TUESDAY 21st JAN 2014**

Members – G Dyne, C Jackson, P Philips, E Robinson, C Collins, G Norbury, N Hunter, C Terrell-Nield, N Pinder, R Hart, D Widdowson

	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
1	Apols for Absence	M Thompson, L Sharpe, C Hughes, G Jenkin-Jones,
2	Notes of Previous Meeting	Agreed - there had been some minor changes to be circulated.
2a	Update of Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Map (CJ)	Two copies of map tabled - one to be held by PP one by GD. Should be produced at each meeting. Map shows SSSI's, SINC's and sites classed as Nature Reserves.
2b	Progress on Costock Pond (ER)	On hold again. Letter from RBC about planning conditions they might be taking on unsettled Costock PC about taking on the site. Suggested a meeting between PP/GJJ/Costock PC and planners to resolve issues. <b>Action: PP</b>
2c	Ruddington Station S106 (PP)	No progress.
2d	Fairham Brook Project (DW)	A number of landowners along the stretch between railway & Bunny are on board with carrying out enhancement work. Landowner between railway and Fairham Brook reserve not interested. Will be talking to landowners upstream of Bunny. <b>Action: GJJ</b>
2e	Swift box project (CC)	Owthorpe Church interested in an installation of swift boxes and sound system (to attract swifts to area). See Grant Applications.  CC has also talked to RBC Development Control. Agreed - contact RBC Publicity to get item in Rushcliffe Reports etc. <b>Action: CC</b> - leaflet placement in the contact centre. <b>Action: CC</b> - add advice to planning info letters etc. <b>Action: CC</b>
2f	Bunny Wood Ash Fall	EA visited with RBC/NCC and carried out a site survey of the waste site. Identified some noise issues, but could not find evidence of material amounts of dust leaving the site on that day. BPC receive continued complaints about odour. NH reports that on days when wind is in right direction dust deposits continue. CTN has given NH a sampling kit to test deposits.
2g	BOM Workshop (CJ)	Main workshop carried out for western side of Rushcliffe, plus a supplementary morning for people who couldn't make the main meeting. Both well attended and generated useful info. CJ tabled draft maps and outlined process. Info still needs to be digitised and then a draft can be circulated for further comment. <b>Action: CJ</b>
3	Grant Applications (PP)	Green Line applied for £200 insurance from Nature Conservation Grant. Second year. Agreed  Owthorpe Church applied for £453 for swift box and sound system (see above). Biodiversity Management Grant. Agreed  Grantham Canal Society applied for £400 - equipment and ID cards for educational work with schools on aquatic life. Includes FSC ID cards which would be left with the school to encourage further work. Some reservations over the real value of leaving the cards. Pond & Wetland Grant. Agreed with reservations stated. <b>Action: PP</b>
5	RNCSIG AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Date - Thurs 15th May (not as suggested at mtg)</li> <li>➤ Venue - Gresham Sports Pavilion (chng from suggested venue) <b>Action: PP</b></li> <li>➤ Format &amp; speakers - usual format, possible speakers suggested (20 min apiece) <b>Action: GD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Look at results of local Bird Ringing - Jim Lennon</li> <li>o Moths - new arrivals in Rushcliffe - Neil Pinder</li> <li>o East Bridgford Wildlife Group</li> <li>o Plans for Skylarks - Ruth Testa</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Membership - all members present indicated a willingness to continue, Need to approach others + RBC to identify a council rep. <b>Action: GD</b></li> </ul> <p>Produce Annual Report. <b>Action PP</b>  Produce Chairs report. <b>Action: GD</b>  Circulate details. <b>Action: GD</b></p>

6	Future Nature Conservation Projects (PP)	<p>PP looking at compiling a list of ready to go projects that might be available if funding opportunities come up in future. Has three on list - any other ideas.</p> <p>NP had thoughts about Cotgrave Wood, (bits of which are being sold at various times). PP felt not suitable as not specific.</p>
7	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Harvest Mice (NP) - HM's are present in both old and new Skylarks. NP is proposing. NP proposing to support a Mammal Society survey and investigate the relative benefits of searching for nests or running live traps. This can be supported through publicity by RNCSIG, RBC, NBAG and SNG, grant funding from one of the RBC schemes maybe possible - SNG could act as sponsor. Needs to be looked at and proposals worked out. <b>Action: NP</b></li> <li>➤ Skylarks update (GD) NWT have raised £164k of the £204k purchase costs and £200k of the £280k estimated capital works. Balance to be raised (hopefully) via a £100k HLF bid and a further £20k public donations. NWT were talking about purchasing balance of lake BUT subsequently informed the asking price is too high (above District valuation). Agreed RNCSIG put in a letter of support for NWT funding bids. <b>Action: GD</b></li> <li>➤ Butterfly Conservation letter of support (see attached) for funding bid to extend Grizzled Skipper work into Leicestershire along railway lines. Agreed this supports Rushcliffe pop. <b>Action: GD</b></li> <li>➤ RonT Lily Ponds - there is a proposal going to RonT PC by the angling club to fish the largest of the Lily Ponds. Feel the potential impacts need to be properly looked at. <b>Action: GD</b> (Note RonT PC agreed to allow fishing 20/1/14)</li> <li>➤ South Notts Bird Ringers Report for 2012 - not everyone received this, to be circulated again. <b>Action: GD</b></li> <li>➤ More hedge removal - as per NH this at Normaton Hills, maybe prelude to pasture being ploughed up.</li> <li>➤ Big BAG Forum at Brakenhurst on 5th March. Will circulate full details once received. <b>Action GD</b></li> <li>➤ Dewberry Hill - NWT writing a management plan. <b>Action: GJJ</b></li> </ul>
8	Date and Venue of Next Meeting	<p>Next Meeting – 1st Apr - 6pm at Civic Centre</p> <p>Subsequent dates – 27th May, 22nd July, 23rd Sept, 25th Nov</p> <p>(July to Nov dates subject to check on Forest fixtures)</p>