East Suffolk Catchment Partnership Workshop Outputs, April 2019

The outputs from this meeting are presented below in two parts. The first part looks at the project ideas and comments people suggested on the day, with the most popular first working downwards.

The second section looks at how the ECSP operates, examining internal communication needs and how to raise our public profile.

Towards the bottom of the sheet are more strategic thoughts, and general ideas for how the ESCP's work could be developed.

THEMES FOR PROJECT IDEAS						Day	rtnor	invo	lveme	nt	_		
Theme 1: Agricultural Connectivity				Ļ		_		IIIVO			Š	<u> </u>	
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Theme 3: Community Projects		ater	nt /	ĘQ	<u>t</u>	<u>=</u>	ш	<u>ب</u> ب	int,		glar	Drainage	
Theme 4: Water Quality		Š	ıme		onu	N N	ک ح	3	3		Eng	, 	
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Theme 6: Other		Ang	Env	Essex	Esse	Esse	Fore	FWAG	Suff	RSPB	Nat	Inte	ESW
	Project ideas	Ė											
	Projects are listed below in order of popularity, starting with 4*s and ending with those which received no votes during the												
Star rating	workshop. Where partner involvement was suggested these have been indicated in the columns to the right.												
4*	Look to deliver ELMS pilots to influence future policy delivery												
3*	Aim to connect all hedges and hedgerows in Suffolk by planting hedgerows and closing up gaps												
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3*	East Suffolk Abstraction Reform Pilot - identifying new opportunities to make existing water available for use (using agri demos).								X		X >	X	Х
3*	Improve 'Soil and water management' by slowing the flow in river												
	Do practical projects: tree planting and river habitat enhancement. Deliver these in all east Suffolk water bodies, which is 50												
3*	years of work. Deliver the 25 year plan and WFD objectives												
3*	Support Legislation Change to Catchment Management												
2*	Campaign on water and soil management with East Suffolk Farmers and promote the kit Tim Schofield mentions												
2*	Influence decision makers re: ELMS funding for buying kit that reduces soil loss												
2*	Use precision farming and innovation to manage soil and water												
	Work with food producers to create an accreditation scheme to recognise those who are minimising their impacts on water and												
2*	air quality												
2*	Improve in-channel habitat and increase the diversity of riparian corridors												
2*	A project around 'Wild Swimming and Health'												
2*	A 'Landscape scale soil management' project, which 'benefits surface and groundwater'												
0.00	Using 'habitat creation and enhancement' to 'trap sediment/soil and improve biodiversity'. Examples listed were river												
2*	restoration, riparian tree planting and wet woodland creation												
2**	Floodplain restoration to trap sediment and deliver the Suffolk Water Strategy A project around 'Natural Flood Management'												
1* 1*	A project looking at the 'Sediment impacts on fish spawning'.												
1*	A mention of the 'Soil institute' in the context of 'Natural Capital'												
1*	A project which seeks to 'reinstate farm ponds' and 'record traditional use of ponds'												
1*	A project on Natural Flood Management in the Bythe Catchment												
 1*	'Love your soil' – presumably this is a strapline for an idea for a community engagement project												
1*	Rolling out the 'Yellow Fish' project across all of Suffolk ('Only Rain Down the Drain')												
1*	Community Tree planting for Natural Flood Management and water quality												
1*	Developing projects to deliver 'natural filtration in problem areas using reed beds'												
1*	Benacre flood risk project – an opportunity to use water currently pumped to sea, with the potential to link to FRESH4Cs								Х				
1*	Developing holistic use of water for biodiversity and agricultural benefits – making better use of water currently lost to sea												
1*	Water Trading Trial												
1*	Wholescale landscape change – the right plants for the right places												
0*	Soil themed ideas: soil traps and research; research on soil and carbon; gather exisitng research; soil solves everything												

What's our audience?	achieve landscape scale work		
	been roughy grouped in Column A. Landowners/ Farmers Groups (e.g. Fram Farmers) / Buying groups – as a priority – these are the biggest hitters if we want to		
	In the first break-put session we were asked to brainstorm how to better promote the work of Partnership; the outputs have		
ECTION 2: ESCP WORK	ESCP External Communications		
0*	Innovation Resource Efficiency – look to countries over water for innovation		
0* 0*	Fish passage with water level management and aeration		
	Benacre Pumping Station replacement £15m, c.11m metre cubed water pumped out to sea/year		
0*	Capture of high flow water		
0*	peninsular 2019-2022 (SCC)	X	
	FRESH4C's – Interreg funded project – water network creation to supply farmers; managed aquifer recharge pilot; Felixstowe		
0*	Recognise there will be less water in the future		
0*	Greater flexibility between abstractors		
0*	Field trials – abstraction reform		
0*	Crop water use monitoring		
0*	Wetland enhancement work at Hollesley marshes – abstraction in catchment, additional storage and habitat creation		
0*	Target points sources especially relic/old STWs		
0*	Brandesdon weir removal		
0*	'Soil management on landscape scale' / 'Soil erosion control mechanism' / 'Keeping soil on the land' / 'Soil fix'		
0*	Sizewell C		
0*	£26M Tidal Defence improvement scheme for the Alde and Ore. Managed by AOEP. Delivery by East Suffolk IDB		
0*	Schools project – plastics on the foreshore in Woodbridge		
0*	- currently in a 2 year pilot phase	X	
U	"Our Water": an SCC scheme to empower parishes to map watercourses and related issues and collaborate to reduce flood risk		
0*	River Wardens Network		
0*	Water quality – changing individual behaviour to reduce water usage and improve water quality		
0*	Invasive species control		
0*	A Waitrose coin scheme		
0*	The Riverfly Monitoring Initiative		
0*	A Landowner-led landscape enhancement project		
0*	Develop a grant for local action		
0*	Riverside litter picks to bring people together and raise awareness of rivers near them		
0*	An education project around food and health links, thinking about food quality		
0*	Engaging community at enabling real improvement e.g riparian tree planting to engage people with climate change adaptation;		
0*	Large 30ha new freshwater habitat creation project on former arable land at Boyton Marshes – a well-developed project		
0*	Riparian tree planting in Suffolk		
0*	Measuring air quality across the county – where are the local hotspots?		
0*	and birds).		
0.	£15m Benacre Pumping Station Replacement Raising awareness of air quality and impacts on human health and natural environment (especially impacts on protected sites		
0* 0*	Increased dynamic management of wetlands to enable greater resilience to flood and drought (and climate change).		
0*	Increase knowledge base on benefits of saltmarsh creation to create a market and to fund restoration and creation		
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0*	Restoring The Box Catchment Saltmarsh restoration		
0*	Possible river restoration / backwater creation on lower River Fromus at Snape		
0*	Dinge Marshes and Dunwich River coastal adaption for flood management and biodiversity benefit		
0*	[Improve] estuaries for fish recruitment		
0*	'Do end users appreciate potential environmental effects?'		
0*	'Address our disconnected society in which rural, environmental, food and health issues are linked'		
0*	'Organic matter changes – Sandlings' (AC)		

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	Supermarkets – as secondary priority – given they are potential funders					
	Agronomists – also to be considered given their power					
	General public and dog walkers					
	Schools and young people					
	Sending out the newsletter to local papers e.g. East Anglia Daily Times					
	Using skills within the partnership to spread information in person					
	Attending public facing events such as the Hadley and Suffolk Shows.					
	Piggy-backing on to existing events for farmers					
	Using the AHDB (Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board) for wider promotion					
	Engaging the media with iconic projects, such as the beaver release at Spain's Hall					
	Gathering (and using) a list of all agriculture media contacts					
	Promoting farm cluster groups and have regular input into their events					
Our online presence	Using social media effectively					
	Improving the website – Melissa is working on this and Kirsty is now doing some updates					
	Providing information on the website about partnership members and why they are members					
	Updating the website more so landowners can see what projects have been done in the past and which are currently happening					
Exploring the fundamentals	Having a better acronym for the catchment partnership (to replace ESRT)					
Exploring the fundamentals	Having a 'boiler plate' of what the catchment partnership does (which can be slotted in to other organisations' newsletters and					
	websites for example)					
	Improving brand awareness through using a logo					
	Getting some professional comms advice from a consultant and create a strategy to deliver					
	Looking at what are other Rivers Trusts around the country are doing and see what's successful. Connecting in with their Social					
	Media channels and see what is working.					
	Thinking about brand awareness by developing a food accreditation scheme – e.g. ESCP or ESRT endorsed farmers or					
	produce/products.					
	Finding the 'Golden Thread' that gives the partnership a unique selling point.					
	Using IDB contacts for dissemination of our work	_				
	ESCP Internal communications					
	The first break-out session also asked for feedback on how we currently communicate; comments are grouped below in themes.					
Meetings and workshops	Meet more regularly (more than once a year) and ensure these are themed.					
	Develop a steering group (including EA, E&SW and NE) which meets more regularly)	Х	(X		X	
	Have yearly meetings for all partnership members to attend					
	Base meetings around the funding cycles of the stakeholders if possible.					
	Have an annual CABA meeting, to be held 2-3 months before government funding cycles. This would be an opportunity to agree					
	joint bids and have a holistic overview					
Day to day communication	Consider Huddle or Slack for group communications online.					
	Have an ESRT email network that's managed by someone to ensure relevant information is circulated (e.g. legislative changes).					
	The appetite for Whatsapp was varied (one group said no, one said yes). These were deemed better for common areas of					
	interest for people to dip into rather than internal communications.					
Newsletters	We all want more frequent updates on project outcomes and progress.					
	Newsletters were requested every 3 or 6 months					
	An email newsletter instead of a PDF attachment was requested, with the suggestion of using Mailchimp. This provides statistics					
	on the links which are clicked to gauge interest in the content					
	What can the ESCP do for you? This question asked participants what the ESCP could do for them, however the discussions					
	spread beyond this to consider a range of desired outcomes around how the Partnership's work could grow and develop.					
	We need to have more group projects so not everyone is going after one pot of funding. Some members are still working in					
_	silos; more regular workshops (such as this one) will help with this.					
Conduction	Have a lot of projects ready to go that funders can pick up and run with.					
	We need a list of consistently available funding streams, which everyone can add to, including information on when and how to					
	apply. We could also have a list of what others are already doing to create synergies.					

More catchment level work	On land management issues we need to work at catchment level, but also link into regional groups (WRE).
	We need to think about how to work at catchment system operator level in future, if/when it comes about.
Ecosystem Services mapping	Ecosystem Services Mapping definitely needs to be used to provide a useful focus.
	ELMS will be all about Ecosystem Services, which will provide business opportunities for land managers and therefore will get
	their buy-in. We need pots of money for ELM evidence.
	Mapping of priority areas and hotspots (in terms of high risk for flooding/ecosystems services/biodiversity loss/natural capital) is
	important so people know where to target funding.
	An Essex Rivers Hub style project [could be replicated] which is strongly supported by GIS .
Liaison-type work	Getting connections with landowners and discussing projects with them would be very useful. Sharing details of landowner
	contacts could be part of this, if permissions are given.
	Speed dating for environmental projects would be great to connect projects which could become new partnerships. ESW are
	developing an app with Durham University to do this at present.
Strategic thinking and more	We need an action plan, 'owned by all, with clear outcomes, adding value, coordinating'. This should link to the 25 year plan and
general comments	the outcomes contained within it.
	Write a 5-10 year "Priorities for Catchment Partnership" plan
	We need a list of shared objectives
	We need better links to other catchment partnerships to share knowledge.
	Promote best practice by having better links with the Rivers Trusts and others nationally.
	Set up sub-groups focusing on particular issues (e.g comms and engagement).
	Take a new approach – 'instill, quality outputs, less on quantity, new language'.
	We need to walk before we can run – focus on practical projects that need doing, e.g tree planting

Meeting Attendees						
Name	Position	Organisation				
Trevor Bond	Team Leader	Environment Agency				
Naomi Boyle	Catchment Co-ordinator	Environment Agency				
Tim Schofield	Farm Adviser	Suffolk FWAG				
Matt Hullis	Head of Environment Strategy	Suffolk County Council				
Claire Cadman	Projects Officer	DVSV & SCH AONB				
lune Davenport	Delivery Manager	Groundwork				
Kirsty Wilmot	Porject Support Officer	Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust				
Adrian Wood	Trustee / Aquatic Ecologist	Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust / Environment Agency				
Melissa Abbot	Trustee	Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust / Muntons				
Charlotte Tomkinson	Air Quality Adviser	Natural England				
Will Robinson	Water Resources Manager / Trustee	Essex & Suffolk Water / Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust				
Will Akast	Catchment Delivery Manager	Environment Agency				
Giles Bloomfield	Area Manager	East Suffolk IDB				
o Hayward	Catchment Advisor, Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer	Natural England				
Christopher McArthur	Vice Chair	Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust				
Anna Beames	CEO	Suffolk FWAG				
Adam Rowland	Area Manager	RSPB				
Bethony Eaton	Adviser	Suffolk FWAG				
ane Herbert	Project Manager	Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust				
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mma Dixon		East Suffolk IDB				
iz Corbett		Essex & Suffolk Water				