



DEBEN ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of DEP Steering Group Meeting 19 September 2024 Deben Room, East Suffolk House, Melton

1: Welcome & Introductions

Steering Group Voting Members: Y / N / Apologies

Trustee / Peter Youngs (PY)	✓	Transition Woodbridge / Jane Healy	✓
Trustee / Simon Read (SR)	✓	SWT / Alice Wickham	✓
Trustee & Treasurer / Andy Smith (AS)	✓	Alderton PC / Jeff Hayward	A
DYC & Chair / Thomas Yeung (TY)	✓	Melton PC / Mark Packard	✓
RDA & Vice Chair / Colin Nicholson (CN)	✓	Martlesham PC / Jane Hall	✓
Co-opted / UCL / Helene Burningham	✓	Woodbridge Town Council / None	
S&E C&H NL / Bev McClean		Waldringfield PC / Sue Quick	✓
Landowner-Agriculture / Charles Loyd	A	Felixstowe Ferry Residents / Colin Lister	✓
Landowner-Nature / NT / Matt Wilson		Business / Dredging / Ben Grundy	
Landowner-Business / PGL / Colin Hind		Young people's rep / Oscar Hayter	

Advisors: Y / N / Apologies

RSPB / Luke Wilkinson		Essex University / Graham Underwood	
Save the Deben / Ruth Leach	✓	Previous Chair / Christine Block	
Woodbridge Boatyard / Matt Lis		Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust / Andy Went	

Institutional Reps: Y / N / Apologies

Environment Agency / David Kemp	A	Crown Estate / Peter Riches	
Natural England / Nicholas Adamson		SCC Rights of Way / David Falk	
Water Management Alliance / Giles Bloomfield	✓	ESC Planning / Laura Mundy	
MMO / Charlotte Lewis (CL)	A	Anglian Water / Katie Teesdale Ward	A
IFCA / Zoe Pearson		NFU East Anglia / Rob Wise	
Simon Charlesworth	✓		

Other Interested Parties:

Trustee / Malcolm Hodd (MH)	✓	Richard Kerridge-Conium (EA)	
Trustee / John Cole (JC)		Matthew Pepper (EA)	
Peter Greatrex	✓	Victoria Lister	✓
Robin Whittle	✓		

2. Minutes of previous meeting and Matters Arising

Minutes were circulated for comment on 14Jul24. Any errors or omissions?

3. Developments since last meeting

- MMO licensing for an estuary-wide dredging programme?
- Saltmarsh Restoration – visits to Northey Island & Harwich Harbour projects?
- Charles Loyd resignation from DEP Steering Group – implications for landowner representation
- Increased focus on CIL grant and Flood Cell 1
- Progress on speed limits and buoys?

4. Revised and Updated Estuary Plan - Progress Reports

Written contributions received to date:

- Jane Healy - Environment & Biodiversity
- Peter Youngs - Land Use & Agriculture
- Malcolm Hodd/Peter Greatrex/Colin Lister - Recreation & Leisure
- Peter Youngs - Freshwater Management
- Helene/Simon - Broader Constituents

Contributions expected/still to come:

- Ruth Leach – Water Quality
- Richard Kerridge-Conium – Flood Risk Management
- Matt Wilson – Landscape & Heritage
- Thomas Yeung – Estuary Economics and Natural Capital

Once a first draft of all chapters has been collated, it will be shared with Laura Mundy, Bev McClean & Andy Smith for any likely planning implications

5. DEP Finance Update: Andy Smith

6. Written report from MMO Planning team

7. Any Other Business

8. Next steps and dates of future DEP meetings

- 12 December 2024: Location tbc
- 13 March 2025? Location tbc
- 12 June 2025? Location tbc