

Cam Corridor Strategy

Notes of meeting on 8 February 2013 at Clare Collge

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Patsy Dell (City Council)
Carolin Göhler (CambridgePPF)
Jess Hatchett (Wildlife Trust)
Donald Hearn (Clare College)
Peter Landshoff (CambridgePPF)
Deborah Marchant (County Council)
Lou Mayer (Environment Agency)

Richard Moseley (Eastern Region Rowing Council)
Rob Mungovan (South Cambs)
Pip Noon (Cam Conservancy)
John Preston (IHBC)
Andrea Reiner (City Councillor, Cam Conservancy)
Dave Roberts (South Cambs)
Graham Thomas (County Council)
Apology: Jean Perraton (Cam Valley Forum)

There was general agreement that the project is important. The first stage should be to form a partnership to get ideas, by building on the visions of the agencies and bringing in grass roots. It may be useful eventually to establish a Trust to make it easier to get funding; however existing local trusts should be explored to avoid duplication, overlap and costly administration.

It is paramount that the new study be part of the Local Plans and a material consideration within the planning process. PD to research and advise.

CambridgePPF: The pressures on the River are wide and increasing, from drainage and other functional river needs to landscape, historic environment, wildlife, recreation, and development pressures to edges of flood plains and commons. The [Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy 2011](#) is a good model: it is based on wide partnership and can help people talk to each other – local authorities, large charities and smaller local groups. Funding was contributed by various partners together with in-kind contributions. A good example is also what is being done in London: <http://www.thames-landscape-strategy.org.uk/> and <http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/planning/londonplan> CambridgePPF can help with a minor grant and effort.

Environment Agency: The project should be catchment-wide. The Agency is writing catchment delivery plans. It would like to make a presentation at the next meeting. It has £5k for engagement events.

Cam Conservancy: It is urgent to tackle the tow-path, or we will lose it through erosion. Can help on the ground but limited funding available.

City Council: Working with residents associations, bringing in volunteers. Forming policies for the river as part of the current Local Plan review, ending with summer consultations. Can provide a limited amount of money.

County Council: Can try to channel some money from existing budgets.

South Cambs: Can help with project delivery and forming a vision, for example for moorings, and can probably provide a small amount of money. If Waterbeach is developed that might yield contributions.

Colleges: Might provide pump priming for imaginative schemes.

Wildlife Trust: It is essential to integrate wildlife needs; concerned about the strategy for a new river crossing (eg for the guided bus).

Eastern Region Rowing Council: Key issues are pollution, water abstraction, flooding, recreational access. It is important to look at the upstream river.

Cam Valley Forum: Concerned about the deterioration in the quality of navigation. The rowing corridor is too narrow. Potentially can supply a large number of volunteers.

A further meeting should look at scoping, and bringing in relevant existing strategies.

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