



## RIVER SOAR CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIP

Woodhouse Village Hall, 50 Main Street,  
Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough LE12 8RZ

**Tuesday 6th November 2018**



### 1 Objectives for the Day

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- Update group on some highlights from current or future planned projects in the Soar CP
- Identify how the Soar CP has helped and what it might do in the future.
- To revisit our Objectives and Compelling Outcomes



## 2 Workshop Agenda

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- 9.45 Registration and drinks
- 10.00 **Welcome & Introduction plus 'A celebration of the journey so far'**  
*Ruth Needham, Trent Rivers Trust*
- 10.30 **What is happening now? Partnership session chaired by Amanda Patterson, EA**
- **Sheepwash Brook Enhancements**  
*Chris Manning, Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board (10)*
  - **Woodland Grants, Charles Cuthbert, Forestry Commission, (5)**
  - **Sand martin wall at Glen Parva and Reedbed at Watermead County Park**  
*Peter Williams, LROS and Sam Village, Leicestershire County Council (10)*
  - **Soar Tributaries Project**  
*Ian Underwood, Trent Rivers Trust (10)*
  - **The Soar River Monster**  
*Louise Davis, Leicester City Council (10)*
  - **Watermead Regeneration**  
*TBC, Charnwood Borough Council (5)*
  - **Soar and Wreake Living Landscape Project**  
*Ben Devine, Leicestershire & Rutland WT (10)*
- 11.35 Break
- 11.50 **Soar Catchment Partnership – how has it helped and what can it do in the future?**
- 12.10 **Improving Rivers - from plan to project** *Amanda Patterson, EA*
- 12.30 Buffet lunch
- 13.15 **Revisiting our objectives and outcomes** *Ruth (TRT) and Amanda (EA)*
- 14.15 Tea and cake break
- 14.35 **Strengthening our network**  
*General partnership discussion*
- 14.50 **Future activities and funding opportunities** *Ruth (TRT) and Amanda (EA)*
- 15.10 **Summary and conclusions**
- 15.20 **Close and depart**

Presentations are available to view on the following [link](#)

### 3 Actions Identified

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- Organise an event for planners to discuss water management, the need for SUDS and WFD. Date of 23rd May has been suggested.
- Develop suggested wording to send out to planners and Local Authorities to influence in Local Plan policies to protect watercourses and promote sustainable water management.
- Contact Leicester City Council and others to look for good practice SUDS case studies. Think about a SUDS special interest group?
- Contact Nick Wheelan @ University of Leicester regarding microplastics research,
- Contact Dr Sarah Johnson @ University of Leicester regarding Geospatial works with L&RWT
- Conduct Google Survey regarding SCP Objectives and send out to entire Soar CP email list.
- Discuss the Compelling Outcomes with the Soar CMG.
- Include the link for Leicester and Leicestershire Toolkit as a funding resource.

<https://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/leicestershire>

- Review project list



## 4 Outputs from workshop session

Exercise 1 Delegates were asked the following 2 questions, responses listed under the themes of:

Knowledge and Skills, Funding, Project delivery, Ways of working, Partnership and networking. The responses are listed in the table below.

Exercise 2. Delegates were then asked to vote for their preferred answers using two stickers. The answers that received the most stickers are highlighted in darker blue below, the answers that received some support are highlighted in light blue.

	How has it helped so far?	What should we do in the future?
<b>Knowledge and Skills</b>	Learnt knowledge about the path "Warm leads"	Need to increase the number of Citizen Science projects to increase knowledge of water quality, pollution, invertebrates
		Modelling as a tool for planning and evaluation
		More monitoring pre and post intervention
		Do some Natural Capital Accounting
<b>Funding</b>	Access to alternative funding that larger / government organisations cannot *	Oven Ready projects to match funding opportunities
	Creates a pathway for delivery , gives weighting to a cause (many people, greater motivation)	Work together to bring in funding
		Talk to businesses *
<b>Project delivery</b>	Delivers with better value for money	More projects North of Loughborough
	Accessing specialist skills for delivery	
<b>Ways of working</b>	Access to expertise and networking to ensure able to work on projects in own organisation to expertise and network to ensure	Engage new partners: Fisheries, Boating, Walking, friends of Groups
	Open, honest, transparent discussions within the partnership	
<b>Partnership and networking</b>	Bring the right people together * *	Consider sub-catchment groups to target specific groups (Farmers, angling clubs, community groups)
	Contacts that can support projects	Create a contact list / database that can be shared amongst members (GDPR to be considered) * *
<b>Policy</b>	Supported my work in local plan development and local climate action plan	Bespoke engagement with land use planners of local authority *

	Providing data to help develop internal policy *	Clarity with Brexit and Environment Act
	Informs policy (bottom up approach)	Sharing Best Practice on SuDS and policy for WFD
		base advice to LAS on planning on outcomes work *

## 5 List of attendees

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Amanda Patterson	Environment Agency
Kevin Bragg	Green Science UK
Charles Cuthbert	Forestry Commission
Helen Chadwick	Harborough District Council
Louise Davis	Leicester City Council
Ben Devine	Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust
Sophia Downham	Environment Agency
Chris Manning	Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board
Richard Brown	Charnwood Borough Council
Swati Nettleship	Environment Agency
Les Warren	Keep Britain Tidy
Dr Mick Whelan	University of Leicester
Anna Collins	Natural England
Ruth Needham	TRT
Ian Underwood	TRT