

Item 3 Partners Up-date

Organisation	Environment Agency / Environment South Hams
Date	8 June 2009
Summary of Progress	<p>EA has agreed to lead the Devon Strategic Partnership's cross-cutting scrutiny of LAA delivery plans under the topic of climate change.</p> <p>Paul and colleague met with Ivybridge Town Council and Tor Homes to kick off proposals to re-instate water power in the old mill leat to power the Sheltered Accommodation and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. Very positive meeting.</p> <p><u>Environment South Hams – Working Group of SHSP</u></p> <p>Safe-access/greenways advice leaflet: ready to go to printers. Has inspired positive interest e.g. county wide access group interested in using it. We discussed means of publishing it and getting it used – initially we will allocate 3-5 paper copies to Parish Councils. We considered the Outreach surgeries too.</p> <p>Green travel plans: ESH will be asking SHSP partners to share their current plans so we can amalgamate the best bits. We will be looking to encourage real green travel amongst SHSP partners.</p> <p>Allotments: ESH are planning to focus on this at next meeting. The key barrier being – how to get land available for allotments.</p> <p>Tree scheme: (recreational/health/environmental benefits). ESH agreed to aim to get a Tree Warden identified for each parish.</p> <p>Overview of Public Space Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prominent success is Stokenham Parish grounds maintenance experiment – co-ordinated by the Parish rather than District. Proving more efficient to co-ordinate at local level. • South Hams prominent in helping lead the county-wide Green Infrastructure project as part of the Local Area Agreement. • Community involvement duty – All 61 Parishes involved and the challenge is managing expectations, e.g. around the £2million.
Current / Shared Issues	Water framework directive consultation on draft river basin plans closing soon. EA is pushing for more ambitious targets. This would achieve favourable status in more water bodies than previously planned.
SHSP action recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider how SHSP's constituents and community strategy is acting to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to climate change. • Look out for our request for your Green Travel plans you already have developed in your organisation.