

SEVERN ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP**Joint Advisory Committee Meeting**

10.00am-2.00pm, Tuesday 12th May 2009, Walton Park Hotel, Clevedon

Minutes**ACTION****Attendees (34)**

George Ashworth, Monmouthshire County Council (SEP MG Chair)
 Zoe Banks, Cardiff Council/Cardiff Harbour Authority
 Lea Blake, Severn Estuary Partnership
 Fiona Bowles, Wessex Water
 John Buttivant, Environment Agency South West
 Cllr John Cordwell, Gloucestershire County Council
 Steve Edwards, Vale of Glamorgan Council
 Jo Gossage, Newport City Council
 Joe Green, Severn Estuary Partnership
 Matt Hamilton, Avon Biodiversity Partnership
 Dave Harris, Monmouthshire County Council (SECG Chairman)
 Anne Hayes, Bristol Port Company
 Ian Kear, Stroud District Council
 John Inman, North Somerset Council
 Bill Kelloway, Cardiff Council
 Gary Kenninson, Gloucester City Council
 Eve Leegwater, Environment Agency
 Mathew Lewis, Monmouthshire County Council (ASERA Chairman)
 Richard Lloyd, Newport City Council
 Don Metcalfe, Bristol Channel Federation of Sea Anglers
 Rhys Morgan, Environment Agency Wales
 Jonathan Mullard, Severn Estuary Partnership
 Rob Niblett, Gloucestershire County Council
 Charlotte Pagendham, Natural England
 Paul Parker, Severn Estuary Partnership (SEP)
 Nicky Rimington, Countryside Council for Wales
 Susan Russell, EA Midlands
 Rebecca Seaman, Somerset County Council
 Ceri Seaton, Countryside Council for Wales
 Cllr Venk Sheno - Forest of Dean District Council
 Don Sutherland, Royal Yachting Association
 Ken Tatem, Environment Agency SW
 Cllr Peter Tyzack, South Gloucestershire Council – SEP JAC Chairman
 Sarah Vincent-Piper, Environment Agency Wales

1 Welcome

PT

Peter Tyzack Welcomed delegates to the Joint Advisory Committee meeting and introduced the new Partnership Manager Jonathan Mullard.

Apologies for Absence

Angus Bloomfield – Natural England
 Roger Falconer - Cardiff University
 Tim Farr - Chairman, Severn - Trent RFDC
 Dean Jackson-Johns – Caldicot & Wentlooge Levels IDB
 Cllr Graham Littleton – Stroud District Council

Minutes of the Last Meeting (27th October 2009) & Matters Arising

Minutes of the last JAC meeting were approved as a true record. There were no matters arising

Summary of Actions from JAC Meeting, 27th October 2008	Person	Progress
All to provide ideas for future development of the SEP website.	All	Ongoing Development
SEP write to DECC (Ed Milliband) copies to SW Regional Assembly & Welsh Assembly Government re: topic papers & public consultation opportunity for stakeholder input with need for non-technical summaries with reference list/bibliography – suggestions for further resources.	PP	JM in discussions with DECC
Actions in the Severn Estuary Strategy (2001) to be checked for implementation via the Flood Risk Management Strategy & Shoreline Management Plan.	PP	Severn Estuary Strategy Review in Progress

2 Estuary Groups – Common Platform**2.1 Association of Severn Estuary Relevant Authorities (ASERA) progress report**

ML

Mathew Lewis (Chairman of the ASERA Management Group):

Matthew Lewis highlighted the key elements of the afternoons ASERA meeting Agenda. This included confirmation of the forthcoming work programme for new ASERA implementation Officer Christian Marsh, the organisation of an initial workshop to determine changes in activities on the estuary. A collaboration agreement with Cardiff University and a financial report were also planned for discussion.

2.2 Severn Estuary Coastal Group (SECG) progress report

DH

David Harris (Chairman of the SECG)

Dave Harris offered a brief overview of key issues brought up at the Strategic coastal group which incorporates SECG, ND&SCG and Swansea and Camarthen Bay Coastal Group. Dave informed the JAC that the Strategic group wish to design a webpage linked to the SEP Gateway and ideally would like their AGM to correlate with SEP business.

The Severn SMP2 is currently progressing well with the Project

Management Group meeting monthly. Documentation is currently ahead of schedule and accessible from the Severn Estuary Coastal Group website (www.severnestuary.net/secg) All comments/input are very welcome and can be communicated via SEP.

An Elected Members Forum was recently held to ensure that members are aware of the SMP2 process and associated issues as each Local Authority need to approve the plans.

A series of Stakeholder events are planned for the 8th & 10th July. All information is currently available on the SECG website.

2.3 North Devon & Somerset Coastal Group (NDSCG) progress report HT

Humphrey Temperley sent his apologies to the meeting

2.4 Bristol Channel Yachting Association (BCYA) DS

Don Sutherland (Chair of BCYA) and the Royal Yachting Associations representative for South West England reported:

Don Sutherland highlighted the opinions of the RYA in light of Tidal Power proposals. He informed delegates that the RYA welcomes the possibility of a barrage. The Severn is a difficult area to navigate and a tidal barrage could potential create the largest leisure opportunity in Europe – a huge economic bonus. However Don informed delegates that the RYA were mindful of environmental consequences of a tidal power proposals.

RYA Key Concerns Included:

- Lagoons would affect navigation and routes – Map of routes provided to SEP
- Concept of lagoons is foreign to RYA however concerns over sedimentation and construction costs were raised
- Tidal Barrages – Interference with shipping
- Expense of dredging lagoons and operation costs
- 2x small lagoons would lead to interference with shipping
- A barrage would allow all year access
- RYA welcome with some reservations the barrage proposals

Don also highlighted the Mermaid Quay Rally 10th-12th July

Action 01/09: PP to look into SEP involvement in Mermaid Quay Rally 10th-12th July 2009

2.5 Other VS

Forest of Dean – Fishing interest groups are very vocal but are poorly represented today. SEP explained that wider representation at JAC meetings is currently under review. GA welcomed any suggestions of potential members for discussion at the SEP Management Group meetings.

3 SEP Management Group Update JM

Jonathan Mullard gave a short update on the Partnership, highlighting progress over the first four months he has been in post. A new joint ASERA and SEP Officer, Christine Marsh who would be in post by mid-

July and there were also discussions about the appointment of a Web-Design Officer.

Jonathan also outlined potential ways forward for the Partnership which included a review of the Strategy for the Severn Estuary and a baseline State of the Severn report. He then moved on to introduce a workshop session which presented an opportunity for JAC members to steer the direction of the Partnership.

The results of the first three workshop questions have been analysed using 'Wordle'. Wordle is a tool for generating 'word clouds' from text. The clouds give greater prominence to words or phrases that appear more frequently in the source text. In this context therefore the most prominent words represent the key issues, achievements and priorities identified by the workshop. The final 'if wishes came true...' results are shown as a 'pie diagram'.

Please look at these results carefully and contact the SEP by email if you wish to comment, or have any other points to make in relation to the questions posed at the workshop.

A final report on the workshop will go the SEP Management Group on the 13th July.

The outcome of this workshop is appended to these minutes.

4 AOB & dates of future JAC Meeting

PP offered a short web update and asked for any feedback.

JM present a forward 3 year diary for Partnership meetings which was formally accepted by the JAC.

Action 02/09: SEP to finalise and distribute 'Forward SEP Meeting Timetable'

The meeting closed at 13:00

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Appendix 1: - Workshop Results

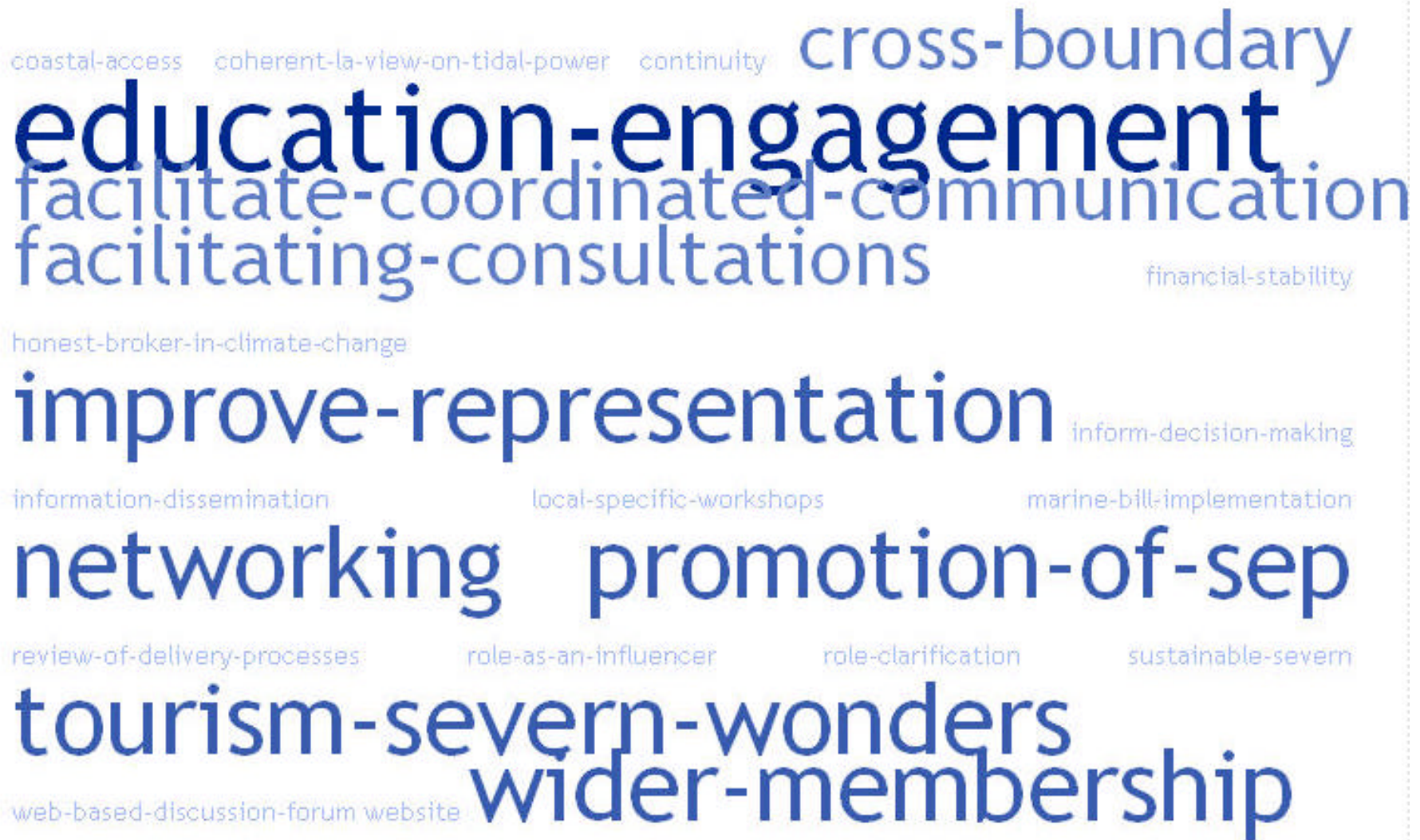
Question 1: What do you think are the key issues facing the estuary?



What do you think the Severn Estuary Partnership (SEP) has achieved to date?



What should be the priorities for SEP in the future?



If wishes came true...

