

## Minutes of SEDN Steering Group

31<sup>st</sup> October 2014

### Present:

Sarah Whild (SW), Alex Lockton (AL), Sue Townsend (ST), Nicola Stone (NS), Dan Wrench (DW)

### Apologies

Fran Lancaster (FL), Sue Swales (SS)

### Action Points

- NS – circulate steering group minutes
- NS – confirm to Alex Lockton when funding has been received from NE or T&W so that he can proceed with Bryophyte contract
- NS – contact SW regarding venue for recorders forum
- AL – contact Karen Evans to discuss alterations to bid
- SW – Contact Karen Evans to discuss day school opportunities if appropriate
- AL - email tsars the minutes from SEDN steering group. Update them on relevant information
- ST – Discuss bid with Pete Boardman re: pollinators/recorders forum and circulate to steering group

### Item 1: Approved Bids

SEDN currently has £5,487.56 available to allocate.

Funding is due from Natural England - £5000 in November, and a further £5,000 in March 2015.

Funding is due from Telford & Wrekin - £1670 in November, and a further £1670 in March 2015.

SEDN has awarded further grants this year – see table below.

However, amount allocated exceeds current available funds. Alex Lockton's Bryophytes records, although grant accepted, will be given the go ahead once funding has been received from NE or T&W.

Recorder	Species	N. records	Cost	Cost/rec	Accepted	Cost now
Alan Hale	Web site	n/a	£500	n/a	Now	£500
Sue McLamb	Odonata	600	£1,500	£2	Now	£1500

Alex Lockton	Bryophytes	2000	£1,000	50p	Accepted but will wait approval on arrival of funding	0
Alex Lockton	VPs	20,000	£2,000	10p	Now	£2000
Pete Boardman	Craneflies	500	£500	£1	Now	£500
Angus Rae	Freshwater Fish		£250		Now	£250
Total						£4500

#### Item 2: Other Bids

Karen Evans – Freshwater sponges. The steering group has asked for further clarification on the bid. The freshwater sponge records are expensive compared to other tsars, and the sites last were not of particular interest (i.e. manmade canal). The Steering Group would like to know which sites have been assessed this year (as the bid is retrospective). The training aspect of the bid is not applicable. Would the sites be relevant to water quality? Could the data be worked into relevant use? Steering group did not grant application. Alek Lockton is to request additional information, and then circulate to the steering group for a decision.

Martin Pullan – Differ bid to spring 2015. Sarah Whild is to discuss Vegetation Website with Martin Pullan & Simon Smart. A further bid to be submitted at the beginning of next year.

#### Item 3: Website

Alan Hale's bid has been accepted to make a SEDN website. The steering group thought it would be a good idea to link to Conservation Evidence.

NS - invite NE and EA representative to next meeting to inform them of how SEDN works and find out how they would like to see a SEDN website progress.

#### Item 4: Pollinator Bid

Pete Boardman and Sue Townsend are to work up a bid which will enable SEDN to access future funding. The bid will have a focus on pollinators.

#### Item 5: Recorders Forum

Steering group agreed to have a second recorders forum. NS to contact SW in November to discuss room booking at the Art Centre. Sue Townend to discuss with FSC/Pete Boardman to see if they would be able to organise the forum for March.

#### Item 6: Next year

In March 2015 we will have funding available for allocation (approximately £5000+). We hope that MOAs from NE, EA, SC and T&W will come in earlier in 2015. It would be ideal to get bids in at the end of February (27<sup>th</sup>) for projects that need to start earlier in the season.

**Date of Next Meeting:** March 6<sup>th</sup> (to be decided closer to the time)

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