

Minutes of the SEDN Steering Group June 2016

1. Membership of Steering Group

Nigel Jones was welcomed onto the steering group as a representative of the voluntary recording community, and Matt Farmer from Shropshire Council was welcomed as a guest, to find out more about what SEDN does. Other members present: Sue Townsend (chair), Alex Lockton, Frances McCullagh, Sue Swales and Fran Lancaster. Apologies: Sarah Whild.

Action: Alex to approach EA about their possible representation on the steering group.

2. Review of progress

A report is in the Dropbox folder and on the web site. In summary: all bids were completed satisfactorily in 2015, except bats and bees, which have been cancelled.

3. Budget

The following funds are available to us in 2016: £8,580 carried forward, + £8,100 from EA, + £7,000 from Shropshire Council, + £4,995 from Wrekin Council, + £550 from the Freshwater Habitats Trust = £29,225 total. Not all of this is in the bank yet, so orders will be sent out only when the money is available to pay them. But as in previous years, we would like Tsars to carry out their work on the assumption that they will get paid, if they are happy to do that.

4. Forum. A forum for recorders will be scheduled for the autumn. It will need a budget of around £500 for organisation, publicity and room hire.

Action: Alex, Sue, Sarah and Nicola to organise the meeting.

5. The following bids were approved:

Tsar	Subject	Cost (£)	No. of records
Sarah Whild & Sue Townsend	Botanical Society	2600	20000
Alex Lockton	SEDN	4100	0
Nigel Jones	Flies	1500	800
Sue Rees Evans	Dragonflies	1500	800
Lorcan Adrain	Mammals	2000	2000
Tony Jacques	Lepidoptera	2000	1800
Keith Fowler	Heteroptera	250	1000
Caroline Uff	Beetles	1200	900
Don Stenhouse	Beetles (museum)	2000	2000
Mags Cousins	Snails	350	300
Mark Latham	Herptiles	185	370
John Morgan	Bats	1490	300
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Action: Alex to contact successful (and unsuccessful) tsars to get the work started. Nicola to send order forms as and when the money becomes available.

Next meeting: to be arranged.