

# Minutes of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Fleet Study Group

Held at the Ilchester Estates Office, Abbotsbury

25<sup>th</sup> November 2011

## Present:

Lin Baldock  
Jon Bass  
Jonathan Cox                Natural England  
John Dadds  
Kevin Donnelly              Abbotsbury Heritage  
Ed Harland                  Chairman  
Alan Holiday  
Gordon LePard  
Don Moxom                  Fleet Warden  
Nick Owen  
Geoff Poole

## Apologies:

Denys Brunsden  
Sue Eden  
Richard Edmonds  
Steve Hales  
Rachel Waldock              Natural England  
Sandie Wilson                Portland Port

The chairman welcomed Nick Owen as a new member of the group.

The minutes of the 102<sup>nd</sup> meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 were accepted without change. Lin Baldock requested that the minutes be distributed sooner after the meetings. It was agreed this would be desirable.

## Reports from representatives:

A meeting of the Dorset Coast Forum was held at the Portland Sailing Academy on the 15<sup>th</sup> November with the theme 'Future challenges, changes and opportunities'. No one present had attended this meeting.

A meeting of the Portland Harbour Consultative Committee had been held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011. This had covered work on the high-speed ferry terminal and preparations for the Olympic games in summer 2012. An Environmental Consultative Committee will advise on environmental aspects of the games. It was not clear what the remit and make-up of this committee was. It was requested that a Portland Port representative could clarify this at a future meeting.

ACTION SW/EP

The Dorset Marine Biodiversity group had met on the 10<sup>th</sup> August. No one present had attended.

### **Fleet Archive**

There was little progress in sorting out the Fleet Archive held at Weymouth College library. GLP requested that the hard copy version is kept. However, DM reported that the older material was now degrading and may have a limited life. A discussion took place on how the information could be stored electronically. (Post-meeting note – EH and JD agreed to investigate the current situation)

ACTION EH+JD

### **FSG100 meeting**

A discussion of the current situation regarding the processing of the information from the 100<sup>th</sup> meeting took place. AH agreed to look at producing the proceedings and EH would provide copies of the material. JD currently holds the posters but a small number would be put on display at the temporary Chesil Beach Centre.

### **Field Day 2011**

A discussion of the data gathered took place. This included presentation by JD on his findings at Herbury, AH on the geology of the area and JB on the water temperature and springs work.

A discussion followed on a similar event to be held in 2012. After considering various options it was agreed to look at the area around Butterstreet Cove at Chickerell and to move the event to be about a month earlier in the year. EH agreed to circulate a discussion document so all members could comment on the proposals.

ACTION EH

### **AOB**

GLP said that he had now retired and circulated his new e-mail address.

It was commented that 2 ton of eels had been landed from the Fleet in 3 weeks at Langton. The eels were in good condition.

### **Dates of future meetings**

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012 at Weymouth College to consider the Fleet Archive

20<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at a location yet to be determined

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012

Ed Harland

24<sup>th</sup> March 2012

