

FLEET STUDY GROUP

Minutes of the 98th meeting of the Fleet Study Group, held at Portland Port on 19th March 2010.

Present: E. Harland, R. Waldock, D. Moxom, S. Fiest, J. Cox, R. Edmonds, D. Bucke, S. Hales, J. Leverick, S. Wilson, A. Holiday, Corrina

Apologies for Absence: L. Baldock, J. Bass, S. Eden, B. Edwards, P. Tinsley, D. Seaward, G. LePard, M. Bray, G. Poole,

Notes of Last Meeting:
Accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising:

Dorset Wildlife Trust rep to be encouraged to attend.
Reduced management plan still to go onto website.

Reports from Representatives:

Dorset Coast Forum.

e-news compiled by the DCF is now forwarded to all FSG members.

Royal Haskoning have been awarded a C-Scope contract on marine renewable.

The next DCF meeting will be on the 18th May focusing on the proposed West of Wight Windfarm.

Dorset MCZ group has met to involve local stakeholders in putting forward areas for consideration as MCZs.

There will be a Marine Act seminar at Sandy Park, Exeter on 30th April.

Jurassic Coast Team.

A Plymouth University study using space based radar imagery to detect change on the coastline – can pick up very small changes. 12 flights will be looked at paid for by WHS research pot. One area to be looked at is Abbotsbury Hill where a crack goes across the road.

WHS Management revised plan has been published - <http://www.jurassiccoast.com/299/managing-the-site-37/whs-management-167/world-heritage-site-management-370.html>

Portland Port consultative committee.

No news on the Olympics sailing courses.
New harbour chart published – No 2268
HRO now signed.

SMP2

At Appropriate Assessment stage.

Chesil Beach units – Chesil Cove to Gabions – Hold the Line – extended to Wyke Narrows for remedial post storm works only. A Beach Management Plan is being drawn up by the EA.

East Beach (West Bay) BMP also underway – issues include depletion of resource at Freshwater and the potential to have a knock on effect at Hive Beach, and the introduction of alien material (geologically the same but differently shaped)

It was noted that there is now a dip in the beach at the Alan Carr memorial due to people walking up to it.

DWT Conservation Forum.

4 sub committees have been formed one of which is marine.

Coastlink

One given recently on soft cliffs by Andrew Whitehouse of Buglife –

<http://www.buglife.org.uk/News/newsarchive/newsarchive0708/New+Buglife+Soft+Cliffs+Report+launched>

WHS guide – new set of aerial photos taken from 5,000 ft – Fleet is included.

Research reports.

Jonathan Cox gave a report on the SSSI condition assessments of Chesil Beach undertaken in August 2009, including photos of the flora of the vegetated shingle.

Sandie Wilson – HR Wallingford – could have a Masters student who could come and do some work on Chesil and the Fleet.

CMMP – results are on the Chesil Beach website - <http://www.chesilbeach.org/>

100th meeting.

Melbury House booked for the closed meeting on Thursday 11th November. The public meeting will be held at the Willowbed Hall Chickerell. Angela Scott to be asked if she would take on the task of organiser.

Publication – cannot get done for the 100th meeting, but a leaflet publicising it could be. Details of storyboards needed. Each storyboard consists of 2 pages including photos/maps. 40 storyboards/book – ie 40 topics list to be agreed. Cost about £10,000. WHS Trust will publish. Sub committee to meet after Easter.

The closed meeting topic agreed as Chesil Beach as a Sea Defence with presentations on Past, Present and Future. Speakers need to be identified and approached.

Any other business.

RE – CCO have revamped website – now much better.

DCC have £400,000 for a Coastal Change Pathfinder project from Defra.

Gigapan – panoramic camera system – details at <http://gigapan.org/viewProfile.php?userid=21853>

Future meetings and venues. 2nd July Abbotsbury – **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**