



# Thames Estuary Partnership

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 DLG MEETING NOTES

### Attendees:

Initials	Attendee	Organisation
KH	Katherine Harris	Harris Holden - Chair
PF	Pat Fitzsimons	TEP - Director
JG	Jamie Gardiner	Royal Haskoning DHV – Vice Chair
GH	Geoff Holland	Port of Tilbury
MD	Mark Davison	Environment Agency
WS	Will Shields	New Waves Solutions
DT	Duncan Tysall	PLA
AM	Alex Mortley	PLA
SW	Sylvia Warman	Historic England
KS	Kate Spencer	Socotec
RS	Richard Simons	UCL
RH	Richard Haine, Presenter	Frog Environmental
GM	Graham Moore	Land and Water
DC	Daniel Collins	Thomson Unicomarine
<b>DM</b>	David Middlemiss	H R Wallingford
<b>Apologies</b>		
	Neil Dunlop	Environment Agency
	Mark Wrigley	Crown Estates
	Paul Leonard	

### Proceedings:

#### 1. Introductions, agree Meeting Notes, Action Points and Matters Arising from the last meeting

- All actions either were in progress or complete.
- The last meeting before the 21<sup>st</sup> February of the DLG was in September 2017 and the notes of that meeting were circulated to those attending. There was no December 2017 DLG meeting.

- The notes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

## 2. Review of Terms of reference

The meeting had a lively discussion about the revised TOR.

- The external communication of dredging matters of interest to outside bodies was everyone's responsibility, and TEP would assist the DLG by co-ordinating and initiating such communication.
- The meeting agreed that all attendees would come prepared to the next meeting with 'two problems or questions' they needed answered. UCL, and other universities, could then provide MSC students to work on the issue in question as their project for four months.
  - WS suggested that a good place to start would be to bring together all the existing research and information on beneficial use and to present it to this meeting.
  - AM suggested that the group could come up with questions or problems, UCL could give a view on whether research would be useful, and TEP might be able to help with funding.
  - The meeting agreed that tough questions are useful to the group and that everyone had a responsibility to keep the group creating action rather than be just a talking shop with sandwiches.

**Action: - All attendees to come to the next meeting with two real world dredging-related problems or questions that they want answered.**

- KH to send revised TOR to PF, to put on the TEP website.

## 3. Membership review

KH suggested that she and PF will contact all on the membership list to ascertain the correct contacts for each organisation. PF to circulate list of organisations and all to identify any gaps.

**Action:**

- PF to send membership list to KH
- KH to identify those individuals she knows and contact them. PF to contact the rest.
- AM to send PF a contact/contacts for the MMO.
- PF to circulate the list of organisations to the contact list for suggestions on organisations that should be included but that are not.

## 4. Presentation:

### **Aeration and Bubble Curtains for Dredging**

Richard Haine – Frog Environmental

**Action: PF to put amended PDF of presentation on TEP website.**

**5. Dredging Licence Updates**                      Duncan Tysall, PLA

An update was provided on current dredging, current active licences, number of applications and enquiries and current consultations. DT asked the meeting why there were no comments on dredging licences from dredging companies. DT announced that he would no longer be doing this task at the PLA and Molly Tucker would be taking his place.

**6. Dates of next meetings:**

12<sup>th</sup> September                      Royal Haskoning Westminster (Jamie Gardner)

23<sup>rd</sup> January                          Port of Tilbury (Geoff Holland)