



**Minutes of Climate Change Champions Meeting
Held on Teams
Tuesday 25 January 2022, 3.45 – 4.30 pm**

Attendees

Alice Hill – Sacred Heart High School
Andrea Corley – Bayonne Nursery School
Angela Thompson-Smith – Addison Primary School
Beatriz Ponz – Randolph Beresford Early Years Centre
Eva Jeffrey – St. Stephens CofE Primary School
Gemma Potter – Miles Coverdale Primary School
Moya O’Hara - Urbanwise
Nathan Cardwell – Fulham Cross Academy
Sedef Celikan – St John’s Walham green CE Primary School
Tabby Fraser – Thomas’s Academy

Apologies

David Fricker – Brackenbury Primary School

LA Staff

Diana Edgecombe (DE)
Keith Fernandes
Matthew Coulbeck
Hannah Lambeth
Ann Kenny

Guests

Paul Lawston – Wetlands Wildlife Trust
Mark Stead – Wetlands Wildlife Trust

AGENDA

Chaired by Diana Edgecombe

1. Welcome and intros
2. Wetlands Centre - Mark Stead and Paul Lawston
3. Actions from last meeting

4. Updated Climate Education Guide
5. WCO Conference
6. AOB - Next meeting dates

Item 1. Welcome and Review Actions from last meeting

Diana Edgecombe welcomed all to the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.

Item 2. Wetlands Centre - Mark Stead and Paul Lawston

Paul explained Wetlands is a Nature reserve which is located in Barnes and originally opened in 2000. The whole philosophy of the reserve was to bring wildlife to where people are so that more people could get to enjoy nature.

As a nature reserve, Wetlands offers diverse wildlife, wildfowl, 2 otters and an opportunity for people to pond dip, bird watching and they also have a wild walk which is all outdoor nature based.

For schools Wetlands have a diverse range of things:

- Pond explorers
- Minibeast Safari
- Investigating mammals
- Brilliant bird adaptations
- Nests eggs and baby birds
- Birds, beaks and feeding techniques
- Bird researchers
- Bird ID challenge
- Plant detectives
- The water cycle, wetlands and me
- Plastic planet
- Climate champions

Many supporting teaching resources are free to download from website and visitors are able to hire out other resources at the centre, i.e. binoculars etc.

List of prices are on the website

Mark explained that as well as paid for services, Wetlands have just launched a nature catchment service for disadvantaged schools. This means that rather than a one-off visit, pupils are given associated work to engage in before visit. The programme is entitled Ava's Destiny and work is also followed up after the visit, both at home with parents/carers home and at school. Slide show showed testimonies from pupils and teachers.

The slideshow/presentation given during meeting is on the Learning Partnership website and please click [here](#) to view.

Wetlands website links are <https://learningzone.wwt.org.co.uk> and www.generationwild.org.uk or to make direct contact with Paul please email education.london@wwt.org.uk

There is also an offer of a free voucher for any teacher to visit with family on the weekend to check the centre out.

Diana thanked Paul and Mark stating that the free visit for teachers was very appealing and she requested any comments from teacher

- Tabby advised that Years 1 and 2 classes in Thomas's Academy visited the centre two weeks ago and they loved it.
- Alice advised she was interested in bringing A level pupils from SHHS and enquired if there were workshops for older pupils. Paul confirmed they – WWT – could arrange a more bespoke session for the school.

Keith Fernandes who has been liaising with Paul and Mark thanked them and advised all information is on the learning partnership website: [Spring visits to London Wetland Centre - Learning Partnership \(lbflearningpartnership.com\)](http://Springvisits.to.LondonWetlandCentre-LearningPartnership.lbflearningpartnership.com) with links to contact Mark and Paul directly.

Diana suggested may be an idea for next meeting to be held at Wetlands!

Item 3. Actions from last meeting

Action 1. Schools advised at meeting on 16.11.21 that Ian Hawthorn, Assistant Director- Environment Special Projects, H&F had not been in contact regarding the Greening the Grey Project as discussed during the previous meeting on 16.6.21

Diana contacted Ian who confirmed this is still in development. Hoping for more news over next month.

Action 2. Schools Travel Project. Still awaiting more details

Action 3. Keith Fernandes re Educate Global. Many schools started on scheme but had to pause due to pandemic and now looking to restart after half term. Keith will check in with everyone to check all ok in an email coming out within next day or so. For now, this scheme is just for primary schools. Their website has been updated and made more user friendly.

Item 4. Updated Climate Education Guide

Diana advised this has been updated, still has mainly primary links but there will be a secondary one developed, although they can use primary until this is completed. Contains:

- New materials
- More updates
- Links on workshops

- Links to Urbanwise projects
- More curriculum updates
- New developments by DfE towards climate education in all schools.
- Benefits
- Ideas re outdoor
- Wetland centre links.

Please click [here](#) to view CEG on Learning Partnership website.

Pier update. Opening date rescheduled for November as due to pandemic had to pause. This will be a climate education centre for schools.

Item 5. WCO Conference

Who Conducts the Orchestra. Online conference on Thursday 27 January 2022 at 9.30am. New ways of engaging families and children. Please click [here](#) to register. Session Will be recorded.

- Representation from all partners in Europe.
- Some of our H&F primary school teachers accompanied Michelle Rebelo to Spain to learn more about the project.
- Session Will be recorded. Share programme.

Item 6. AOB & Next meeting dates

Matthew Coulbeck needs help from secondary teachers to form a group for the secondary sector and then both groups can all work together.

Moya and **Urbanwise** programmes are also being developed:

- Running children's environmental parliament which involves 5 primary schools from K&C and 5 Primary Schools from H&F who will choose an environmental project.
- Working on English Chamber Orchestra Project with Diana. The orchestra uses music to illustrate the relationship between music, climate and ecology.
- Mudlarks project - will put communication out at a later date for this.

Request for schools to share any new initiatives they may be doing:

Sedef: St Johns CE Walham green have appointed eco council. Normally Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and they then work with rest of school. One of things they would like is to understand how rubbish is picked up but would like children to talk to someone from rubbish collection team for further information.

Gemma: School had Western Riverside Waste Authority visit and advised will come and visit and you can also organise a free trip to their recycling centre across the river in Wandsworth. Moya advised that at the present time, visits to schools and centre are not taking place but advised would be worth contacting the H&F Recycling team. Please click [here](#) for link.

Sedef: Request for more information and help on composting as well! How to start? etc
Action: **Keith Fernandes** advised information sent to schools last week and Will find out how we can support composting and share with everyone once we have this information.

Gemma: Too much food waste for composter.

Angela: Working on a sustainability hub for ks3. Looking at Energy Sparks and interested to hear if anyone has used this platform or another like this before,

Tabby: School are part of food waste scheme. Tara and David from H&F came to see school last term but not heard since. Have chased up with email. David did say there were trialling with some schools.

Action: Keith will follow up with Tara and give Tabby an update.

Connective Planet. Charity who run free workshops on litter and waste and take children out on a litter picking trip. Tabby confirmed children very much enjoyed.

Date for next meeting: Tuesday, 26 April 2022, 3.45-4.30pm