



Slapton Line partnership living with a changing coast

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Notes: Slapton Line Adaptation Plan: project inception meeting

Date: Wednesday 19th January

Time: 1330 to 1630

Location: Dining Room, Follaton House and Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Roger English - South Devon AONB and meeting Chair

Sam Lew - Slapton Line Adaptation Manager

Nicky Bailey - South Devon AONB

Peter Chamberlain - Devon County Council

Dan Field - South West Devon Councils

Martin Davies - Environment Agency

George Arnison - Environment Agency

Alan Denbigh - former Slapton Line Manager

1. Introductions
2. Context and background – selected notes
 - Key SLP projects include
 - Defra Pathfinder: Making Space for Water – multiple projects focussed of flood adaptation.
 - Coastal Local Action Group producing interpretation and visioning for life without the Line - AD
 - Key to quick action for previous response to Storm Emma was an application that had already been submitted for road repair by DCC, in addition to miraculously quick fundraising of £2.5 million. Despite this, the turnaround was 1-year for full road service. Funding unlikely to happen again and no application is in the pipeline as will not get necessary permissions - PC
3. Funding and core outcomes: tied to Authority duties and related work
 - a. **Adaptation Plan** (Torcross and Slapton Line) within Coastal Change Management Area: CCMA must be area specific – Liaise with Tim Poate at UoP (SWEEP Impact Fellow)
 - **Short document** explaining why road will close with no viable options for continuation required as soon as possible. Should identify key risk and opportunities with a vision for the future
 - b. **Funding Strategy** to deliver the Adaptation Plan
 - c. **Guidance for practitioners** on coastal planning – lessons learned and connections to regional and national adaptation planning
 - d. **Contingency Plan** embedded with the Adaptation Plan
4. Governance structure and reporting: updating the ToR
 - Important to keep the governance structure simple and work with existing networks, such as Parish Councils
 - Essential to ensure transparent and participative process, balancing top-down and bottom-up governance
 - Governance structure may emerge from Adaptation Plan structure and nature of participation
5. Updates on recent activity: to include Anthony Mangnall MP 'asks' document
 - MP's current position is in opposition to adaptation and focussed on resilience and keeping the Line
6. Emergency response and likely scenarios – Contingency plan added to list of outcomes

The Slapton Line Partnership consists of Devon County Council, South Hams District Council, Natural England, Environment Agency, Wild Planet Trust, Field Studies Council and Slapton Ley Field Centre, Slapton Parish Council, Stokenham Parish Council, Strete Parish Council and South Devon AONB Partnership

7. Questions from Sam Lew – all covered

8. Adaptation Plan: emerging project plan and milestones

- SL provided a summary of the Adaption Plan Strategic Goal concepts that formed the basis of the interview presentation. To be built on through one-to-one sessions with Partners and a Strategy workshop. Draft Strategic Goal concepts are as follows:

Use state-of-the-art tools and up-to-date evidence to understand current and forecast future scenarios in Slapton Line and the area of influence

Robust and adaptive engineering and nature-based solutions for coastal defence, providing resilience to communities from storms and flooding

Fit-for-purpose and interconnected transport infrastructure, enabling movement of residents and visitors for every-day activities, business, and leisure

Enhanced landscape and seascape environmental condition to maximise natural capital and ecosystems service provision

Adaptive and resilient business models and opportunities for job creation, skills, volunteering, and social and economic prosperity

Better awareness, participation, education, and support for adaptation at Slapton Line and plans for the future

Transparent and effective management of the Adaptation Plan, and secure investment through a blended model of private, public and third sector funding

Next steps and Actions

1. Introductory email to Slapton Line Partnership explaining the immediate plan of action
2. Schedule one-to-ones with key Partners over the coming few weeks
3. Synthesis of one-to-one discussions into a report
4. Start scoping exercise for the Contingency and Emergency Response Plan
5. Produce a literature review of relevant Adaption information to date (agreed between myself and Roger after the meeting)
6. Refresh the Slapton Line Partnership website
7. Meeting with focus group in ~6 weeks to discuss progress and Adaptation Plan Goal setting workshop (one-to-one synthesis report to provide context for the workshop). Date TBC by Sam Lew
8. Hold Adaptation Plan Goal setting workshop (using outputs to form the basis of the broader community Engagement and Communication Strategy to create the Action Plan)