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MLSG PUBLIC MEETING

Friday 11 April 2008

John Keeble introduction of planning group and reasons for forming group
Daniel Robb

Dan with historical record
Marsmore levels - starts at Sibton

Redford Bridge - New Cut

Marsmore history - river blocked about 1750 1800 William Smith's
embankment + drain 1812 New Cut Old Maps of our coast line

it is a "floodplain" sluice works when sea lower "cork in the bottle"

EA 2003 reinforcing sluice pipes metal grid sluice blocked
Nov 2006 and Nov 2007

Sea - Coastal Erosion Shoreline Management Plan for whole English
coast of next 10 years Halcrow Report 2001

EA Consultation 2004

Global Warming Lowestoft 20cms over 20 yrs 14-16" by 2100
dates of storm surges 2.5m higher than normal tide

Prof. John Pettick report for Sizewell 2006 NE winds strongest

Halcrow 2001 flood prediction 2m contour Sizewell "island"

Strategy proposals sluice maintain/improve 2001

Ken Pye: Marsmore cliffs to Sizewell study of historic maps 2006 report
proposes pump at sluice Nov 2006 photos Nov 2007 RSPB sea
surge

Organisations / responsibilities DEFRA → EA IDB East Suffolk (internal)
Drainage Board SCDC

Funding problems DEFRA uses £200m Nov 200 £300m Feb 2008 \$1bn
overspend.

SCDC Suffolk Shoreline Management Plans

Suffolk Estuarine Strategy

ADAM ROWLANDS RSPB 3 yrs at Marsmore established 60 yrs ago
47 nesting of Avocets started extinct for 100 yrs before. 1971 Mars & Harris

RSPB have no control or resp. for sluice
old Minsmere Cwer means to sluice EA

No 7 drain Leicester Main Drain

Soots Hall Drain and 1 behind sea wall Target water levels
long lengths of drain deleted by RSPB ESO control structures

May 2007 marshes flooded lost 5 out of 6 bittern nests

RSP Bitterns White-necked ^{vare} grebe other than birds interest

Tanny Way ant-hills silver-studded blues stone curlew

Shingle beaches very important for rare plants

Coney Hill + Dunwich Heath pinch point erosion S of sluice

hydraulic effect from Sizewell

EA about to announce their plans for this coastline

responsibility under European laws to protect Bitterns

Abbey Farm purchase

100-200 yrs life for Minsmere work more with local.

ex. Treasury

DAVID ANDREO SCAR Alde + Ore 1400 members mud tidal flats

talking to other groups Deben Felixstowe Saiting Club

SCAR2 aims comparison of "defence" spending unreliable data used by Govt.

∴ "bold the line" expenditure £5m should be £30m at least

Run free defences to prevent storm surges.

Cost of major flooding

EU legislation Govt must spend money to protect habitats +

compensation paid

Need for local groups to agree their own plans and work/jointly with

other groups DEFRA for financial management

Regional Flood Defence Levy

OPEN DISCUSSION Judith

Brian Ralph - Middleton - lack of joined up thinking lack of communication between RSPB + Parish Councils responsibility of dev. organisations endangered species "lung" for tourism. MMSG under threat.

Judith - do we set up a group representing villages in the whole area DA Estuary Planning Group

Helena what direct local action ^{Peter} Baggis - pollution of beach.

DA response

Graham Baggis group excellent idea need Govt remains need formula 2 thrusts MMSG and for group to be "think tank" for Govt. + ways of doing things - this area is very important - insurance claims - tax on insurance for an homes - levy on ins. to pay for sea defences

Joan Birchall used to be CC for this area

Shoreline Management Plan - consultation

East Lane + Bandsey. Sizenell + Leiston Drain Sewage system in Valley Rd. feeds into shire Leiston sewage works could be flooded (Bill Howard Leiston Comm')

John Goldsmiths CC Southwold all coastal councils support SCAR aims as EA Peter Baggis liaison between all different groups because of local knowledge

last question for Adam Rowlands what deal with Govt. RSPB is large land owner - clear mission driven by nature conservation charity - only through public support can achieve their aims maintain marshes as long as sustainably possible

protect as long as sustainable

man SCAR against AONB shouldn't hold the line allow water to flood not there at resident - work with EA

DA there will be pressure points where retreat is inevitable - shouldn't allow retreat all along Norfolk + Suffolk + Essex don't make decisions now that are not reversible

huge areas of Norfolk (at least) look what to do over next 20 yrs.

balance to be struck

main effect of new bridge at Sizewell will be far greater than SCAR. If it means new coastal defences

Halcom have been wrong many times

Fundament what is happening at Sizewell

2 sandbanks off coast maintain stability of coast line
jetty to be installed which will change underwater conditions
& may affect sandbanks

28 April Sizewell Sax meeting

Halcom re-assessing their report

People can decide now

Chris Fisher Westleton Parish Council

lessons to be learnt from Holland?

JRP better communications with RSPB

want to involve all managerial levels
local areas

EA level of resources close link with SCAR

complete forms another meeting early summer
inclusive group