

| Working/Steering Group | Owner | Key Areas of Focus during 2021/22 |
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| <i>Working Groups</i> | | |
| Fundraising | James Webb | <p>Overall: to influence, guide and monitor fundraising activity undertaken by the Cotswolds National Landscape (CNL) and in doing so, support the Partnerships and Fundraising Lead.</p> <p>Specific tasks including but not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Act as the Caring for the Cotswolds grants panel 2. Undertake project visits for Caring for the Cotswolds 3. Make the Partnership and Fundraising Lead aware of any funding opportunities 4. Act as the first point of contact for reports, papers, or new initiatives before going to Exec and Board |
| Planning and Infrastructure | John Mills | <p>To influence, guide and monitor development in the Cotswolds National Landscape (CNL) and its setting, including transport and other infrastructure, to ensure that it:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) positively contributes to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the CNL; b. increasing the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the CNL; and c. in fulfilling (a) and (b), fostering the social and economic wellbeing of local communities in the CNL, including the provision of affordable housing, particularly housing that is affordable in perpetuity (e.g. social rented housing). (ii) addresses the climate and nature emergencies, including mitigation, adaptation and nature recovery (in a way that is compatible with the purpose of AONB designation); and (iii) helps to deliver the relevant aspects of the Government's response to the Landscapes Review. <p>This will be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • influencing strategic planning at all levels, e.g. National, Sub regional, County, Unitary, District and Neighbourhood plans; ○ influencing significant planning and infrastructure proposals in line with the AONB Management Plan and associated documents; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ increasing understanding and awareness of the relationship between the AONB's natural and built environments; ○ developing positive, collaborative relationships with local authorities and other key stakeholders. |
| Climate Change | Mark Connelly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To review the Climate Change Strategy for the Cotswolds National Landscape ○ To understand how climate change is likely to impact on the ecosystem services and special qualities of the Cotswolds National Landscape ○ Recommend to the Board any follow up review, where required, of relevant position statements and guidance |

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| | | The CC working group is due to conclude once the draft CC strategy is adopted. However, in light of the Climate Change Commitment adopted by the CNL Board in October 2021, it is recommended that it continues with a new remit in 2022/23. |
| Health, Wellbeing and Social Inclusion | Andy Parsons | <p><i>Overall</i> - to provide a focus on the themes of health, wellbeing and social inclusion and to begin to address the following recommendations from the Landscapes Review: Proposal 7 – a stronger mission to connect all people with our national landscapes. Proposal 9 – new long term programmes to increase the ethnic diversity of visitors. Proposal 10 – landscapes that cater for and improve the nation’s health and wellbeing.</p> <p><i>Health and Wellbeing</i> - to liaise with Health and Wellbeing Boards (and other relevant organisations) to better understand the current health and wellbeing landscape; to be able to clearly articulate the benefits of access to the natural environment; to start the development of a rounded package that is accessible to stakeholders; to avoid duplication of effort and maximise benefits by identifying key partners to work with to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors.</p> <p><i>Social Inclusion</i> - to promote, champion and encourage diversity, inclusion and equality within the organisation; to start to develop a better understanding of communities both within the Cotswolds and slightly further afield; to explore relevant examples of best practice, e.g. RSPB; to act as a channel to challenge the organisation in terms of our practice, approach and development in support of underrepresented or disadvantaged individuals/ communities; to consider the future strategic agenda relating to diversity and inclusion and advise and make recommendations on appropriate initiatives and activities that will help the Cotswolds National Landscape achieve its key social inclusion aims.</p> |
| <i>Steering Groups</i> | | |
| A417 Missing Link | Andy Parsons | <p><u>Over-arching objectives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To influence the A417 Missing Link scheme, having regard to the Board’s statutory purposes and the agreed landscape-led vision, design principles and objectives for the scheme. • To fulfil our role as a statutory consultee for this Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). <p>This will be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positively and pro-actively engaging with National Highways (and their consultants) and other key stakeholders including the National Trust, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, Natural England and the relevant local authorities. • Providing technical input and guidance, including: (i) suggestions on how beneficial effects could be maximised and adverse effects minimised; and (ii) opinions on the |

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| | | <p>extent to which the scheme complies with relevant legal and policy requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to formal consultations and engaging in the development consent process, including responding to questions from the Planning Inspectorate. |
| Glorious Cotswold Grasslands | Simon Smith | <p>To support the delivery of the Glorious Cotswolds Grasslands project and the establishment of the Cotswolds Meadows Service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and monitor project progress against indicators and targets • To advise on the establishment of the Meadows Service as a self-financing operation. • To provide an interface with the land managing community of the Cotswolds including farming, equine, conservation bodies and highway authorities. <p>(Source: Terms of Reference March 2019)</p> |
| Cotswolds Champions | Scott Brown | <p>To support delivery of the Cotswolds Champions (CC) programme with relevant advice, recommendations and approvals:</p> <p>To support high-level decision making, such as assessing projects for inclusion and approving funding allocations, ensuring compliance with CCB governance, the Network Rail (NR) settlement agreement, and CC programme objectives.</p> <p>To provide oversight of Rail Corridor Enhancement Project delivery. This is the CC programme's lead project and represents at half of the total programme budget (£250,000 NR mitigation sum). Steering group approval is required for the overall design of the project and ongoing delivery of discrete elements, to which individual grants and contracts will be allocated.</p> <p>To assess additional project proposals and approve funding allocations from NR 'project sum' (£250,000). These are primarily being identified and developed through a process of targeted engagement with key partners and stakeholders according to a set of qualifying criteria and targeted outcomes.</p> |