



LYDNEY COASTAL COMMUNITY TEAM

ECONOMIC PLAN UPDATE

September 2021



No.	Heading	Detail	Information
Key Information			
1	Name of CCT	N/A	Lydney Coastal Community Team
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3 (a)	CCT Membership	Names and position, e.g. resident, Local Councillor	Executive Group David Hudson – Environment Agency Cllr Anne Harley – Lydney Town Council Cllr Walter Leach – Lydney Town Council Cllr Bernie O’Neill – FoDDC Cllr Sid Phelps – FoDDC Wendy Jackson – Publica (Ex officio) Stephen Holley, Clerk – Lydney Town Council (Ex officio)
3 (b)	CCT Membership	Other partners and/or stakeholders to be involved.	Stakeholder Group Gloucestershire County Council, Historic England, Harbour Master, Gloucester Harbour Trustees, Inland Waterways Association, Lydney Yacht Club, Canal & Rivers Trust, Lydney Area in Partnership, Dean Wye Tourism, Dean Forest Railway, Gfirst Local Enterprise Partnership, Severn & Wye Smokery, Lydney Harbour Estate, Lydney Skiff Project, Natural England, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, Forest of Dean Local History Society, Forest of Dean Buildings Preservation Trust, FoD Sea Cadets, Severn Area Partnership, Lydney Skiff CIC, SARA
Delivering the Plan			
4	Short term goals/actions	What has the team achieved in the past 15 months? (Feb 2020- May 2021)	Key projects - The focus for the team during 2020/21 has been the delivery of the Destination Lydney Harbour project. Project inception followed the successful £2.1M bid submission to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government’s Coastal Community Fund

		<p>What actions are planned for 2021-22?</p>	<p>(round 5). The bid was submitted at the end of January 2019 and was awarded funding in September 2019.</p> <p>Destination Lydney Harbour consists of a number of elements which cover the area from the A48 roundabout on Harbour Road to the docks and harbour and serve to improve connections between these areas and the town centre. They can be broadly categorised as Improvements to Access Routes and Wayfinding, Enhancements to the Landscape, Enabling Increased Use of the Canal, Docks and Harbour.</p> <p>The DLH project includes the refurbishment and conversion of the Harbour Store and Mortuary buildings to provide a heritage information point and toilet facilities respectively plus the installation of a modular café unit.</p> <p>The café business opportunity was advertised and a tenant has been selected.</p> <p>This building conversion work is complete and the cafe, toilets, and visitor information hub are all scheduled to be opened in Autumn 2021.</p> <p>Gloucestershire Highways will also commence the Harbour Road works in the Autumn 2021 and we will start tree planting along the Harbour Road corridor.</p> <p>Artworks at both the A48 roundabout and the harbour itself are in development. Additional site interpretation material will be installed in the autumn/winter 2021.</p> <p>Ornate railings have replaced chain fencing as part of a boundary improvement scheme at the Railway Terrace Grade II Listed building on Harbour Road.</p> <p>Delivering the project against the Covid-19 pandemic has presented considerable challenges but the project team and key partners have worked with caution to overcome them. One of the project elements is the formation of a skiff/boat-building community group. The group has been established but of course bringing people together to work on the boat has been delayed due to the national lockdowns and the social distancing restrictions in place.</p> <p>DLH complements the major private sector investment proposals being planned for the redevelopment of the Pine End Works site which is aiming to transform the former employment site into</p>
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			<p>a major visitor attraction which will encourage people to visit the area for 3-4 hours. The formal planning process is ongoing.</p> <p>Additionally the project complements the Gfirst LEP-funded Links Lydney Cycle Improvement Scheme, completed in early 2020. The scheme improves access and increases connectivity by creating a pleasant, safe and accessible network of pathways around Lydney linking together Aylburton, Lydney Town Centre, Railway Station and residential developments. The scheme was developed with the aim of promoting cycle usage and reducing car journeys as well as increasing spend within Lydney whilst a non-vehicular route to the Harbour fits with the LCCT's aspiration to attract more people to the site. GCC will be undertaking some on site monitoring in 2021 to test how this is being used.</p> <p>Related initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership • Links Lydney – Gfirst LEP funded work to improve cycling connectivity in Lydney has concluded
5	Medium term goals/actions	<p>Where is the team currently against these? Have they been amended?</p>	<p>The medium term focus will be to complete the repairs to the Outer Sea Gates to improve operational management of the outer harbour basin and deliver Destination Lydney Harbour.</p> <p>The Environment Agency has published a Navigation Plan for Lydney Harbour which is seeking to improve the condition of the asset and identify opportunities for increasing commercial income. EA submitted an expression of interest to the District Council's Levelling Up process in May 2021 to advance some of this thinking; however, this EOI was not shortlisted for inclusion in the final Levelling Up Fund bid submission but has been included in a new FoDDC Capital Investment Portfolio</p>
6	Performance measures	Outcomes	<p>Governance: Stakeholder Group meetings held on a quarterly basis & Executive Group meetings arranged as required when decisions have been needed to be taken.</p> <p>Harbour Investment: The site owner, the Environment Agency, has continued with their programme of works at Lydney Harbour. De-silting works to maintain navigation concluded in early February 2021 and repairs to the outer sea gates</p>

will commence this year. The asset survey to assess the condition of the site has been completed. The subsequent report provides an indication of what further works are required and supports the development of a financial business case. A mooring point survey has informed a new detailed mooring design which the EA will seek funding to introduce.

Destination Lydney Harbour Measures - the following headline outcomes will be seen after the delivery of the Destination Lydney Harbour project:

- Increased visitor numbers and awareness of the docks and harbour as a great place to visit as well as improved visitor spend in Lydney.
Status: Post-project measure
- Improvements to the public realm on the approach to the area for residents, businesses and visitors. **Status: currently in delivery phase**
- Provide 1.2Km of new pedestrian footpath along Harbour Road. **Status: currently in delivery phase**
- Significant private sector investment into the area supported by creating an attractive environment in which to set up business and create new jobs. **Status: Post-project measure**
- Increased boat use in the docks, harbour and canal. In addition, there will be an increase in leisure use of the Canal and as a safe place for people to learn both to row and to gain basic boat craft skills. **Status: Post-project measure**
- Creation of a new business with the pop-up café and creation of up to 2 new FTE jobs.
Status: currently in delivery phase
- Install 10 new mooring points **Status: currently in delivery phase**
- Establish a sustainable not-for-profit boat building company and support up to 20 volunteers to learn traditional craft skills. **Status: Completed**
- Phased de-silting of Lydney harbour basin.
Status: Completed

			<p>The LCCT will continue to scan the horizon for any new funding opportunities to support the delivery and future sustainability of the LCCT Economic Plan.</p> <p>Continue to undertake harbour baseline footfall survey – to monitor pedestrian & cycle use – 2021/22.</p>
7	Long term goals and actions	<p>Are these still relevant? Changes? If not previously stated, what are the team's long term goals now?</p>	<p>The team's long term vision is taken from the Lydney Neighbourhood Development Plan and remains unchanged:</p> <p><i>"The vision is to develop Lydney over the next 10 years and beyond as a thriving, prosperous, safe, integrated and attractive market town, serving its rural hinterland and as a centre from which to visit the area's attractions."</i></p>
8	Costs	<p>Description of spend, revenue raised, resources, etc (including time for volunteers, social/virtual banking – i.e. swapping/sharing resources, skills, time, etc.)</p>	<p>£613,747.46 had been spent from the Destination Lydney Harbour CCF grant as of April 2021. This figure is made up of: Highways, Building Refurb and associated groundworks, Signage & Interpretation, Public Artwork Design Fees, Landscaping and Planting Design, Professional and Technical fees.</p> <p>In addition, £1,415,461.00 has been spent on the Lydney Cycle Track Improvements (match funding) and £237,000 has been spent on harbour basin De-silting and harbour operations (match funding)</p> <p>Lydney Town Council made a partner funding contribution of £18,000 in 2021.</p>
9	Value	<p>What value to the local economy has been realised by the team?</p>	<p>The team's first two projects used the local supply chain to support delivery. Mabey Bridge Limited, a Lydney based engineering solutions business secured the contracts to refurbish both the Lydney Harbour Swing Bridge and St Mary's Footbridge.</p>
10	Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	<p>What is the relationship between the CCT and the local LEP? Does the CCT have a LEP coastal contact?</p>	<p>Gfirst LEP and the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee (GEGJC) are both aware of the Lydney CCT, as the only CCT in the County. The LEP has been invited to join the Stakeholder Group but due to limited staff resources cannot attend the meetings. FoDDC's Head of Paid Service attends GEGJC and updates this meeting (which includes LEP) and reports on the status of the various Forest of Dean growth projects.</p> <p>In 2019, the LEP introduced a new Capital Investment Pipeline (CIP). The CIP aims to maintain</p>

			<p>a viable pipeline of capital projects +£1m that have the potential to support significant economic growth in the county.</p> <p>Gfirst LEP will publish a Local Industrial Strategy in March 2020 following a call for evidence to identify the strengths and challenges within the economy. FoDDC has submitted a response to flag the need for infrastructure improvements in the Forest of Dean.</p>
Communications			
11	Consultation Exercises	Describe recent results of consultations or other feedback – please include outcomes, use of flyers, etc.	<p>Links Lydney (Cycleway Improvements) – The CCF match funding project has been completed and its use is being monitored by GCC Highways.</p> <p>Cookson & Railway Terrace - consultation with owners & tenants was undertaken in November 2020 to discuss the proposed on road car parking & boundary treatments. As a result of this exercise, residents' views were taken into account and the parking scheme was deleted from the DLH programme. Residents will be informed of the proposed new railings installation planned for the Summer.</p> <p>Destination Lydney Harbour Consultations - Consultations relating to the DLH project are planned. Gloucestershire County Council's Highways Department will project manage the works to Harbour Road, consulting with owners of the adjacent land, business owners and residents as detailed plans become available.</p> <p>Several Community Projects make up Destination Lydney Harbour including a Skiff Building and Rowing scheme, Public Art Installation and Walking Route way marking. Engagement and consultation events have invited people to get involved throughout the project.</p> <p>Forest of Dean District Council Local Plan Consultation - Forest of Dean District Council's Forward Planning team are currently preparing a new Local Plan for the Forest of Dean District which will replace the existing plan (runs until 2026). The Local Plan guides future development and sets out policies, against which planning applications are considered.</p> <p>The local plan will set out how the Forest of Dean will develop over the next 20 years to 2041; and help deliver new homes and jobs and safeguard the environmental assets we value. The next opportunity for comment on the draft plan will be in Spring 2022. After this consultation FoDDC will</p>

			<p>update the draft plan based on comments and agree a publication version.</p> <p>More information can be found here: https://www.fdean.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/emerging-local-plan/</p>
12	Communication with community	How has the community and stakeholders been involved and informed of progress and outcomes through all forms of media	<p>Consultation activity as summarised above.</p> <p>On behalf of the team, FoDDC has issued a number of press releases and Social Media posts related to the team's work.</p> <p>The DLH project team prepare briefing notes for Project Stakeholders and the relevant FoDDC Portfolio Holders.</p> <p>Rose Farrington (DLH Community Projects Leader) presented a project update at the Severn Estuary Partnerships Forum event in May 2021.</p> <p>LCCT Stakeholders are also kept informed of progress at the regular stakeholder meetings and meeting notes are distributed to everyone who has expressed an interest to be involved with the team – whether they can make the meetings or not.</p> <p>Lydney Town Council also receives regular updates from FoDDC Members and officers at their monthly meeting.</p>
13	GBC Logo	How has the team made use locally of the Great British Coast logo? Please provide examples.	<p>The GBC logo is used on all LCCT Executive Group & Stakeholder Group meeting papers, briefing notes, exhibition materials, press releases, PowerPoint presentations and within evidence base documents used to apply for external funding support.</p> <p>LCCT Executive Group members all have GBC logo lanyards and have been encouraged to wear these at public events to help raise awareness about the work of the team.</p>
14	Comms Contacts	Details of local contacts for comms, media, etc	<p>Michelle Morgan – Marketing & Campaigns Lead T. 01285623455 E. Michelle.Morgan@publicagroup.uk</p>
CCT Logistics			
15	Costs	Average running costs of CCT itself	<p>The running costs of the Lydney CCT are provided in-kind and in 2020/2021 will continue to be shared in terms of: staff time from EA, FoDDC/Publica & LTC; venue hire, equipment, refreshments, photo-copying for meetings from LTC and financial management from FoDDC as the accountable body.</p>

16	Sustainability	How will the team continue to sustain itself?	The LCCT Executive Group organisations (EA, FoDDC/Publica, LTC) will continue to provide staff resources to administer the team.
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