

RIVER USER GROUP 8

CO-ORDINATING ACTIVITIES – TEDDINGTON TO BELL WIER

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YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NEXT MEETING

WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR 14 NOVEMBER, 2006

TO BE HELD AT THAMES MOTOR YACHT CLUB COMMENCING AT 2000HRS

APOLOGIES

1. NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 April, 2006.

- 1.1 Item 2 Hand over from Sally Kane – Bernard Hales
- 1.2 Item 8 Drought contingency plan
- 1.3 Item 9c EC Water Directive – Liaison Committee
- 1.4 Item 9d PLA Rowing Strategy launch 6 October

2. REACH CO-ORDINATORS REPORTS

Teddington – Kingston Bridge	16a	Peter Mason
Kingston Bridge – Molesey Lock	16b	Peter Francis
Molesey Lock – Sunbury Lock	17	John Wiltshire
Sunbury Lock – Chertsey Lock	18 & 19	Di Lawler & Carl Boon
Chertsey Lock – Bell Weir	20 & 21	Bernard Hales

3. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY REGISTRATION CHARGES 2007 – 2009

The Environment Agency Board have announced that despite our massive protest against huge increases they have recommended to the Defra Minister that commencing January 2007 the registration charges will be increased by 12%. Delegates are invited to make their views known at this meeting. This will be 39.5% increase over the three years!

4. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY LONG TERM FUNDING & INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Having put the "cart before the horse" the EA is continuing to develop their onward Strategy. Andrew Graham will report on progress.

5. Defra FUNDING CUTS

Every organisation within the Defra "family" which includes the EA has had their budgets cut. It is expected that the Thames Navigation Revenue Budget will be cut. Andrew Graham will report how this might affect services for 2007.

6. THAMES WATERWAYS PLAN – Up Date

7. THAMES NAVIGATION "BETTER WAYS OF WORKING" – A report

8. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY REPORT ON LOCAL ISSUES

Andrew Graham Area Navigation & Recreation Manager

9. Any Other Business

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These meetings are designed to seek grass roots input to ongoing problems faced on the river between Teddington and Bell Weir. The EA nationally suggested that not many of the boating public wrote into their offices complaining about the proposed increases. They seemed to ignore that fact that the user bodies were talking for thousands of users. **It is a fact - numbers count.** WE REQUIRE A HUGE REPRESENTATION AT THE MEETING IF THE SUBJECT MATTER ABOVE CONCERNS YOU AND HOW WE RESPOND FOR THE FUTURE! We look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting.