

Agenda Annex

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Report to Environment Committee – 19 September 2024

Name of Meeting:	Sussex Bay Restoration
Date of Meeting:	13/6/24
Report by:	Cllr Sue Wallsgrove - The Council's Nominated Representative

Cllr Lury and I attended the Sussex Bay Restoration Project on the 13 June 2024.

The Sussex Bay restoration project is taking in the area from Selsey Bill to Camber Sands, this is being undertaken from various organisations, The Kelp Restoration Project, Dolphin and Whale Conservation Project, Sussex Wildlife Trust and Sussex Underwater to name a few.

It is a very ambitious project costing in the region of 50 million, it was set up due to the decreasing biodiversity loss due to fishing trawlers that have decimated the seabed in these areas, there is now a ban on trawlers here, which is fantastic news for the wellbeing of our beautiful coast, encouraging tourism, boat trips to see the amazing biodiversity that is gradually returning albeit slowly. Here are the links <https://www.sussexbay.org.uk/> www.blumarinefoundation.com there is also a crowdfunding link <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/restoring-sussex-bay-together>

Arun, Adur and Worthing Councils plus Shoreham Port, the Crown Estates and Rewilding Britain also support this fantastic initiative to restore these ecosystems and the blue natural habitats of reefs, rivers and seas.

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