

PROGRESS ON THE CAMPAIGN TO SAVE THE NEWPORT TO HEMSBY AND HEMSBY TO WINTERTON NORFOLK VALLEYS (AREA OF NATURAL BEAUTY (ANOB)) FROM PROGRESSIVE COASTAL EROSION

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On 22 February 2013 Pat Gowen and Mike King represented MARINET at a meeting of all the local coastal erosion action groups organised by Great Yarmouth MP Brandon Lewis.

The main purpose of this meeting was to get all these individual groups to join together to present a stronger voice to the local authorities for action to combat the progressive coastal erosion of our Great Yarmouth area coastline.

It was recognised that each group would also continue to peruse their individual needs for their respective areas.

It was also agreed that the Environment Agency should be approached to ask to become the responsible authority for all our area coastline instead of having different responsible authorities for each section as this would promote joined up thinking.

Agreed actions to be taken by Brandon Lewis from this meeting can be seen in his letter to me dated 04/03/2013.

The recent North Easterly storms and high tides have caused more very significant erosion of the marram grass/sand dunes (their only sea defence) along all of this section from Newport to Winterton and if the same losses occur next winter these valleys (ANOB) will be lost so urgent action is required – see photos taken today (date of this news letter).

In my last news letter I mentioned that I had approached Natural England to take some responsibility for these areas, as they do for other inland low lying areas at risk of flooding. It seems that the Environment Agency could work with Natural England on this approach. See letters from Brandon Lewis MP to me 18/03/2013, letter from DR c Beardall Environment Agency 07/03/2013 and my letter to Brandon Lewis MP 23/03/2013.

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