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The CANAPE Newsletter - World Wetlands Day

Welcome to the 1st edition of the CANAPE project newsletter. On the 2nd of February 1971 in the city of Ramsar the Convention on Wetlands was signed, setting up an international framework for the protection of wetlands. As a result, the 2nd of February is celebrated as World Wetlands Day, and in 2019 the theme of the celebration is very close to our hearts in the CANAPE project. The theme of today is 'Wetlands and Climate Change.'

As we are moving into year 2 of our project, we are looking forward to promoting our achievements and sharing the opportunities we discover along the way. Therefore this week seems the ideal time to launch our new quarterly newsletter. Each newsletter will summarise our recent achievements, and set out what we hope to achieve in the next few months.

The last six months has seen construction work start at several sites, with excavators rolling onto site in Denmark and Germany, and being floated into place in the UK. For more information on the construction work, including why our excavators have to float, please see the "year in review" article below.

Beyond the construction work we have begun working to fully understand the market and issues around Paludiculture. The first wetland products will be launched this spring, and we will have update on how the launch has gone in our next edition

A Year in Review

Since launching our project in October 2017, much has changed in our world, and the CANAPE project has made rapid progress. As our first 18 months comes to an end, we would like to take a moment to reflect on what we have achieved as a partnership over this period.

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The Carbon Farmer

We like this newly released film a lot, so are sharing it with you to try and spread its message as widely as possible. Film making company "The Top of the Tree" have released a short film about the future of peatlands. This imagines the future of our peatlands could be like.

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First sediment dug at Hickling Broad

The end of October marked the beginning of work in the CANAPE project to restore the reedswamp at Hickling Broad. Over the next 3 winters Broads Authority teams will work to construct a 1ha area of reedswamp on the edge of the broad, in an area that has been named "Chara Bay."

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Upcoming Activities

In our future editions, look out for;

- We will look back on the first stages of constructing new wetlands in Denmark, UK and the Netherlands
- Our Biochar retort will arrive at the Broads Authority, ready to trial the creation of charcoal and Biochar from wetlands
- Construction work will begin on additional sites in the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark and Belgium, including our two largest restoration projects.

To learn more general information about the CANAPE project, please visit our website
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