Changing Values in Inland Waterways - mapping evidence-policy themes Nicki Schiessel Harvey

Owned & run by British Waterways, Gov't funded through

• Waterways decline as transport network

 Closure of 'defunct' waterways on economic grounds resisted by restoration groups



1960s

Transport & **Envt Depts**

1980s

1990s

2000s

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2012

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Waterway revival. British Waterways & Gov't open to new ideas on benefits.

Growth in other funding sources with wider socio-

Iransport

Economic Regeneration

Leisure & Tourism, Community

• Development of economic ass't approaches-focus on physical assets, job creation, visitor spend • Early contingent valuation and property uplift studies

> • Quality of Life Capital approach captures community benefits for funders' targets

 Impact studies of effects on exclusion, social regeneration

economic aims to meet – Local Councils, ERDF, Heritage Lottery Fund.

Canal & River Trust as a new charity seek to secure future Government & partnership funding.

Nature & Heritage Conservation

'Wellbeing'

• Ecosystem assessment approaches capture & monetize wider benefits Growth in river restoration & water ecosystem services research • Focus on values of heritage

> Monetization of benefits, hybrid assessment methods

- Increasing assessment of indirect health benefits of blue-green spaces
- Policy-focused evidence &

Health & Wellbeing rises to prominence. Waterways as social assets on the agenda

assessment processes

This work is part of a project assessing the interrelationship between evidence & assessment approaches and changing values in financing and managing public goods such as waterways.



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