

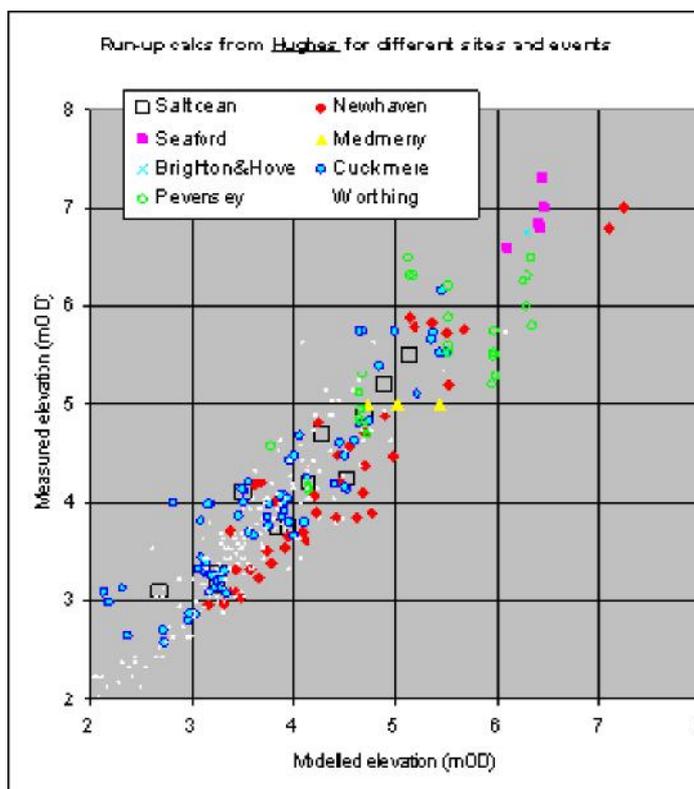


South East Coast Beach Management Plan (BMP) Programme Newsletter N° 3

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What has happened:

- A Steering Group meeting was held on the 27th of September that provided very valuable feedback on the Form A and discussed the draft briefs for most of the subprojects (JRP analysis, improvement to run-up formulae and long distance transport via the sea). An early draft of a template for a BMP document was also been circulated and it is intended to build on this in the near future by using it to rewrite an existing BMP. This template should then be available early next year so that BMPs going ahead outside this programme can benefit.
- Uwe gave a presentation at the Annual Meeting for the SE Coastal Monitoring Programme on the JRP analysis method and coastal monitoring data use on 18th October.
- The **Form A** for the project has gone to PAB on 20th October and has been approved in November 2011.
- Team Van Ord has been commissioned to undertake the work investigating the feasibility of transporting beach material via a seaward route. A draft report was received at the end of May but unfortunately the report has several shortcomings and we are presently discussing with TVO how to bring their work to a satisfactory solution.
- Following some trial work for the Hastings to Rye frontage, Canterbury City Council are presently drafting a scope for their work to allow them to price it and provide cost estimates.
- The brief for the extremes and joint probability analysis has been finished in collaboration with New Forest District Council and they are presently costing the work so that a contract can be set up.
- Following a report by Tom Mortlock (NFDD) on using CCO data set for run-up modelling and including additional formulae, discussions are presently ongoing with HR Wallingford to carry out the work. Environment Agency has meanwhile doubled the number of run-up measurements and included seven more sites using historic survey data from Brighton, Saltdean, Newhaven, Cuckmere Haven and Pevensey, and photographic evidence of overtopping for Medmerry and Seaford. All these additional datasets from beaches with different exposure and different beach toe levels fit well with the data for Worthing.



.Discussions with Canterbury City Council on the methodology for the Sediment Budget assessment are very close to an agreement which will then provide the basis for pricing the work

- Equally, discussions with CCO on joint return probability assessment have agreed on the methodology and CCO is in the process of pricing the work.
- An abstract on the run-up improvement work has been sent to the 12th International Coastal Symposium in Plymouth (April 2013)

Outlook:

- It is hoped that contracts for the individual work packages will be let in the next couple of months.
- The next steering group meeting will be targeted for after the summer holidays.
- An abstract on the general project will be submitted in August to the ICE Coasts, Marine Structures and Breakwaters Conference in November 2013

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