

WBP GROUP CHAIRS MEETING 5 - 19 JANUARY 2011, LADYWELL HOUSE, NEWTOWN - ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES

Present: Diana Reynolds (Chair) Welsh Government (WG); Caryn Le Roux, Enclosed Farmland Ecosystem Group Chair; Charles Morgan, Upland Ecosystem Group Chair; Helen Buckingham, Lowland Grassland and Heathland Ecosystem Group Chair; Jan Sherry, Lowland Grassland and Heathland Ecosystem Group; Peter Frost, Urban and Brownfield Ecosystem Group Chair; Jim Latham, Woodland Ecosystem Group; Peter Jones, Wetland Ecosystem Group Chair; Hazel Drewitt, Outcome 21; Chris Lea, WG Head of SEED/NAMU; Geoff Proffitt, Swansea University; Angus Garbutt, Coastal Ecologist, CEH Bangor, Environment Centre Wales; Richard Rossington, Head of Science Policy, Welsh Government; Professor William O.C. Symondson, Cardiff University; Michael Bruford, Cardiff University; Frances Dixon, Aberystwyth University. Tracey Lovering, WBP Policy Support Officer.

Apologies: Aethne Cooke, Marine Ecosystem Group; Blaise Bullimore, Marine Ecosystem Group Chair; Tristan Hatton-Ellis, Freshwater Ecosystem Group Chair; Peter Rhind, Coastal Ecosystem Group Chair; Stephen Bladwell, Species Expert Group Chair.

No.	Who/Action	Who	By
1	Ecosystem Groups and Species Expert Groups to identify evidence gaps within their areas at their next meetings. Chairs to forward collated gaps to Tracey Lovering using table provided by 30 November. Tracey to forward to Steve Spode (WG) and James Skate (WG) & David Allen (CCW).	All EGs/SEGs Chairs, Tracey Lovering	End Nov 2011
2	Ecosystem Group and Species Expert Group Chairs to forward to Chris Lea (via Sarah Wildman sarah.wildman@wales.gsi.gov.uk) examples of where DEFRA appear unwilling to provide funding support re. Welsh projects	All EGs/SEGs Chairs	End Nov 2011
3	Tracey Lovering to ensure all regulatory changes proposed to date by WBP Policy Group are forwarded to Chris Mills, NEF Regulatory Workstream.	Tracey Lovering	End Sept 2011
4	Chris Lea and Diana Reynolds to discuss Structural Funding with WEFO	Chris Lea and Diana Reynolds	End Oct 2011
5	Peter Frost to talk to Usha Ladwa-Thomas re. her work on urban environments	Peter Frost	End Oct
6	Tracey Lovering to check whether the developing CCW ISIS Monitoring Database will list existing data-sets	Tracey Lovering	End Sept 2011
7	Jan Sherry to make Priority mapping data available to academics	Jan Sherry	End Nov 2011
8	Lowland Grassland & Heathland, Upland, and Coastal Ecosystem Group	Helen Buckingham, Charles	End Sept

	Chairs to ensure they send their final Priority Maps to Jan Sherry, following the consultation.	Morgan, Peter Rhind	2011
9	Outstanding Priority Maps and supporting papers required from Woodland, Enclosed Farmland (re. Arable), Wetland and Coastal Ecosystem Group Chairs. Forward to Jan Sherry.	Chris Tucker, Caryn le Roux, Peter Jones and Peter Rhind	End Nov
10	Peter Frost to forward completed Urban and Brownfield Ecosystem Group Priority Mapping methodology to Jan Sherry	Peter Frost	End Nov
11	Caryn le Roux to take query re. cropped field margin habitat to Future of BAP Group. Caryn to contact Julia Korn	Caryn le Roux	10 Oct 2011
12	Tracey Lovering to re-send Jan Sherry's request to Chairs and collate response. Chairs to ensure agenda item at next meeting or raised as AOB and to ensure a good response from Ecosystem Group/Species Expert Group reps.	Tracey Lovering All Chairs	September End Nov
13	Academics to ensure as full attendance as is possible at Academic training workshop (date to be confirmed by Jan Sherry, Diana Reynolds)	Academics Jan Sherry, Diana Reynolds	tbc

Key Messages

- 1. We have been offered a chance to influence research planning in Wales and UK. Ecosystem Groups and Species Expert Groups are asked, at their next meetings, to consider current evidence gaps within their respective areas and submit these to Tracey Lovering.**
- 2. Following the collation of evidence gaps, a workshop will be held for all academics joining Ecosystem Groups or Species Expert Groups to provide an overview of NEF and arrange allocation of suitable research activities to MSc students. Research activities not suitable for this approach will be passed on to WG for possible inclusion in appropriate Wales and UK research programmes.**
- 3. You may be interested to read the latest NEF updates at:**
<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/consmanagement/nef/currentwork/?lang=en>
The 2nd phase of the UK National Ecosystem Assessment will begin soon. Watch this space: <http://uknea.unep-wcmc.org/Resources/tabid/82/Default.aspx>

Key Messages

1. Ecosystem Groups and Species Expert Groups will, at their next meetings, fully consider current evidence gaps within their respective areas. Evidence gaps will be identified and submitted to WBP Secretariat via Tracey Lovering.

2. A training workshop will be held for all academics joining Ecosystem Groups or Species Expert Groups following the collation of evidence gaps, as identified through the Ecosystem Groups or Species Expert Groups meetings.

3. Updates:

NEF current work: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/consmanagement/nef/currentwork/?lang=en>

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