

Wales Biodiversity Partnership Group Chairs Meeting 13
Focus: Llŷn Landscape Partnership & Llŷn AONB Management Plan
20 November 2014, Y Oriel Plas Glyn y Weddw, Llanbedrog, Gwynedd

Attending:

Matthew Quinn (Chair)
¹Arwel Jones, Llŷn Landscape Partnership
²Bleddyn Prys Jones, Llŷn AHNE/AONB
 Stephen Bladwell, RSPB (Species Expert Group Co-chair)
 Julia Korn, NRW (Upland Ecosystem Group Rep)
 Helen Buckingham, NT (Lowland Grassland & Heathland Ecosystem Group Co-chair)
 Jim Latham, NRW (Woodland Ecosystem Group Chair)
 Pete Jones, NRW (Wetland Ecosystem Group Chair)
 Clare Burrows, NRW (Enclosed Farmland Ecosystem Group Chair)
 Mike Howe, NRW (Coastal Ecosystem Group Rep)
 Tracey Lovering, NRW/WBP (WBP Group Chairs Co-ordinator/ WBP Evidence Gaps Project Lead)
 Kathleen Carroll, WG (INNS Group Rep)

Apologies:

Gill Bell, MCS (Marine Ecosystem Group Chair)
 Tristan Hatton-Ellis, NRW (Freshwater Ecosystem Group Chair)
 Pete Frost (Urban Ecosystem Group Chair)

WBP GROUP CHAIRS MEETING 13 - DRAFT ACTIONS

No.	Action	Who	By end
New Actions 20 November 2014			
1.	TL to circulate Craggatak Ecosystem Approach Management Planning Report & Summary	TL	Jan 2015
2. 1	TL to re-send WBP Evidence Gaps Project Group forum link: https://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=8130371&trk=anet_ug_hm	TL	Complete
2.2	Chairs to forward above link to their Groups and encourage all to join; to engage in discussions re. gaps, and actively use the forum to engage all in contributing to/delivering data/evidence to support the groups WBP evidence gaps.	All Chairs	Jan 2015
2.3	Chairs to identify individual Group reps who will be the	All Chairs	Jan 2015

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	groups lead contact for their groups Evidence Gaps work. Chairs to forward lead contact details to TL who will provide support to leads.		
2.4	JK to forward list of REF evidence gathering projects to TL	JK	Jan 2015
3.1	Next WBP Chairs meeting to focus on Nature Recovery Plan ; schedule for February 2014.	TL	Jan 2015
3.2	Chairs to provide, prior to the above meeting, a list of datasets, tools, and maps used by their group, and by the organisations represented within their groups, that inform biodiversity action prioritisation of their ecosystem/species.	All Chairs	Prior to Feb 2015 mtg
4.1	AJ requested WG to require that partners engaged in delivering work across the Nature Action Zones and NRW trial areas collate, and report their individual learning experiences to ensure cross-learning achieved. A learning event for partners was proposed.	MQ	Prior to Feb 2015 mtg
4.2	WG to provide a learning event for those engaged in delivering work across the Nature Action Zones and NRW trial areas. Invitations extended to others interested in the approaches used. Could be modelled on the successful Llŷn Heathland seminar	MQ	Spring 2015?
5.	SB requested all to complete the Response for Nature on-line survey based on their area of expertise. Email to follow from SB providing survey link.	All	By closing date
6.	Chairs/Group secretariat to send Group Meeting Agendas/Actions updates to SMCH ³ to upload to WBP website following each Group mtg.	All Chairs/ Secretariat	Prior to Feb 2015 Chairs mtg
7.	Chairs to forward their WBP Group updates to Tracey, for uploading to Chairs page on WBP website, and for WBSB information.	All Chairs	Jan 2015
8.	PJ, BPJ and TL to meet to discuss and provide advice on wetland biodiversity action options for AONB revised plan.	PJ	Feb 2015
STANDING ITEMS N.B. Actions above and below for WBP Chairs/Groups to be addressed at, or between every WBP Group meetings. If stand-alone as agenda items.			
1.1	All Chairs to send ideas on content and venue of proposed WBP Evidence Gap Project workshops – 1. Marine/coastal/INNS; 2. Upland/Grassland & heathland/Woodland/INNS & species 3. Urban & Brownfield/Enclosed Farmland/INNS	All WBP Group Chairs	Prior to Feb 2015 Chairs mtg
1.2	WBP Group Chairs, within their Group meetings, to consider comments/links/information provided by CEH team and Mike Bruford against each of the group's evidence gaps. Group to follow up any leads/links provided and amend evidence gaps and related information where appropriate. See columns I.J.K in Nov V2 Register of	All WBP Group Chairs	At your next 2015 Group mtg. Please report back to TL this is complete.

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	<p><i>Evidence Gaps</i>. Please note old version of Register. Newest available on website). This may require:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new discussions on specific gaps with useful new links to researchers/departments; • re-writing the question in light of existing evidence/papers Mike has directed gap leads to; • re-writing the question as neede (if suited to research) following the guidelines given to <i>Formulating research questions</i> via Project webpage above. • breaking down a large scale gap into component sub questions that may suit separate linked projects. 		
1.3	Identify with your Group your priority evidence gaps and appropriately highlight these within the evidence gaps register (red=high, orange=medium, yellow=low).	All WBP Group Chairs	Review at each Group meeting
1.4	Agree your lead per high priority evidence gap; lead to develop & submit a completed Research Project Proposal (if suited to being met by research) per research project to TL ²	All WBP Group Chairs	At next 2015 Group meeting in standing agenda item on EGP
2.	WBP Groups to support technical side of 3 NRW trial projects including the Dyfi. Contact: Patrick Green	All Groups/Chairs	Ongoing, as required
3.	Chairs/Group secretariat to send Group membership updates to MP ⁴	All Chairs /Secretariat	Following every Group meeting
4.	Using the Priority Mapping Workshop Planner, Chairs to ensure Groups add forthcoming workshops and actions from previous workshops (send to Sean McHugh to include on WBP website). Stephen Bladwell and Sean McHugh to share Planner with Species Expert Group to facilitate SEG rep attendance at these events.	All Chairs /Secretariat SB/SMcH	Arrange Group local outreach events at next 2015 Group meeting as agenda item
6.	All Ecosystem Groups to re-visit submitted Priority Action Mapped Areas and associated data. Chairs or delegated lead to collate any changes and provide completed final revised GIS maps, and associated actions, to Jan Sherry	All Chairs	Re-visit at next 2015 Group meeting as agenda item

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7.	All Chairs to ensure Group pages on WBP website ⁵ are updated and populated with Group members list, meeting agendas, actions, work programmes, projects including REF funded, priority mapping, contact details and useful links. Send page updates to Sean McHugh ⁶ .	All Chairs / Secretariat	Following every Group meeting
8.1	Dai to ensure WBP Group Chairs receive Wales Biodiversity Strategy Board (WBSB) papers in advance of every WBSB meeting.	Dai Harris	Prior to next WBSB
8.2	WBP advisory Groups to provide comments/advice to Caryn le Roux, following receipt of WBSB meeting papers.	WBP Chairs	
8.3	Caryn to raise WBP Group Chair comments/advice at WBSB meeting.	Caryn le Roux	
Carried forward actions from February 2014 meeting			
(1.)	Matthew to speak to Graham re. future relationship of MEG & WG Marine & Fisheries	MQ	Prior to Feb 2015 Chairs mtg
(4.)	Matthew to discuss with Ceri Davies whether NRW can re-instate Upland Ecologist post.	MQ	Prior to Feb 2015 Chairs mtg

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⁵ www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/en-GB/Ecosystems--Species-Expert-Groups

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