

WBP GROUPS CHAIRS MEETING 9- ACTIONS
5 MARCH 2013, WELSH GOVERNMENT OFFICES, ABERYSTWYTH

Present: Matthew Quinn (Chair) Welsh Government (WG); John Watkins Welsh Government/Outcome 21 Chair; Dave Martyn Welsh Government Policy Advisor, Sean McHugh, WBP Support Team; Francis Dixon, Enclosed Farmland Ecosystem Group Rep; Charles Morgan, Upland Ecosystem Group Chair; Helen Buckingham, Lowland Grassland and Heathland Ecosystem Group Chair; Julia Korn, Urban and Brownfield Ecosystem Group Rep/Wetland Ecosystem Group Rep; Huw Jones, Freshwater Ecosystem Group Rep; Chris Tucker, Woodland Ecosystem Group Chair; Paul Brazier, Marine Ecosystem Group Co-chair; Peter Rhind, Coastal Ecosystem Group Chair; Stephen Bladwell, Species Expert Group Chair; Dave Thomas, INNS Chair.

Apologies: Tracey Lovering, WBP Chairs Coordinator/Ecosystems Advisor, Peter Jones, Wetland Ecosystem Group Chair; Mark Bleasdale? Wildlife Crime Enforcement Group, Pete Frost, Urban and Brownfield Ecosystem Group, Caryn Le Roux, Enclosed Farmland Ecosystem Group Chair; Tristan Hatton Ellis, Freshwater Ecosystem Group

| No. | Who/Action | Who | By |
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| 1 | 1. Updated WBP Group membership details 2. ToR or statement of original purpose/remit of each Group 3. Work programme 2013-14 or outline of priority work focus areas 2013-14. Send to Tracey Lovering | All Chairs | 15 March 2013 |
| 2 | TOR for Wales Biodiversity Strategy Board (WBSB)/draft membership proposal were discussed in addition to group structure outlined in the Biodiversity Framework draft organisation chart. John Watkins will incorporate all comments received including comments received at WBP SG19. | JW | Prior to WBSB meeting on 28 th March 2013 |
| 3 | Steve Spode outlined the Ecosystem Approach Framework. Toolkit to embed & integrate the ecosystem approach. Testing & learning phase at present. Piloting with NGO's including National Trust & Wildlife Trusts (Plynlimon) & internally with WG programmes. Steve is happy to discuss principles outlined in the framework further and issues around integration. | All Chairs | - |
| 4 | All Chairs to share feedback on evidence gaps table ¹ with their respective Groups via email, and: 1) address any comments provided, 2) identify, in consultation with their Group, the Group's priority evidence gaps and highlight these within the evidence gaps table in <u>red</u> , <u>orange</u> and <u>yellow</u> depending on whether Priority high, medium or low and 3) agree the research project lead per priority evidence gap from the Group (<i>where the priority evidence gap may be met through research project/s</i>). Lead to submit a completed Project Proposal ² to Tracey Lovering ³ per research project. This will inform the academic meeting on the 15th March | All Chairs | 12 March 2013 |

¹ WBP Evidence gaps 2012 - comments MB RMCC CW - Nov 2012

² WBP Research Project Proposal form

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| | NRW are discussing placements & fellowship with academic institutions in a potential public sector partner arrangement. Ceri Davies is leading on this work. Matthew will discuss WBP's academic initiative with Ceri to facilitate coordination. | MQ | 31 May 2013 |
| 5 | WBP website ⁴ -Ecosystem & species expert groups/working group pages. Opportunities to: Review web page Include workplan/priorities Update resources Highlight project activity e.g ERD projects Chairs suggested a 'who's who' in the group would be useful on the WBP web & a generic contact form. Sean McHugh to action | All Chairs SM | 14 June 2013 |
| 6 | Supporting Local Action- LBAP seminar Shrewsbury 23 rd May-details being worked up. One element will be around the working relationship with the various groups so insights welcome to inform the seminar. Send details of draft seminar programme to Chairs Regional Local Wildlife sites project is being worked up in preparation for a major HLF bid, chairs support and comments to inform the bid welcomed | All Chairs SM | |
| | On-going actions | | |
| i | Using the Priority Mapping Workshop Planner, Chairs to ensure Groups add forthcoming workshops and actions from previous workshops (submit to Sean McHugh) ⁵ . Stephen Bladwell and Sean McHugh to share Planner with Species Expert Group to facilitate SEG rep attendance at these events. | All Chairs | 14 June 2013 |
| ii | All Chairs to forward Group Updates provided at Chairs Mtg 9 to Tracey Lovering, for inclusion on WBP web-site, supporting meeting agenda and actions. | All Chairs | 14 June 2013 |
| iii | 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 | 14 June 2013 |

³ Comments provided by Mike Bruford BrufordMW@cardiff.ac.uk, Rob McCall R.McCall@ccw.gov.uk and Clive Walmsley c.walmsley@ccw.gov.uk

⁴ www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/en-GB/Ecosystems--Species-Expert-Groups

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