

Draft Actions from: WBP Chairs Meeting

8th October 2009 Newtown.

Present:

Diana Reynolds (WAG/Chair)
Julia Korn (WBP/CCW)
Jan Sherry (CCW)
Aethne Cooke (CCW)
Helen Buckingham (NT)
Stephen Bladwell (RSPB)
Caryn Le Roux (WAG)
Louise George (WAG)
Peter Jones (CCW)
Peter Rhind (CCW)
Peter Frost (CCW)
Barbara Jones (CCW)

Apologies:

Chris Tucker (FCW)
Tristan Hatton-Ellis (CCW)

Item	Discussion	Action	Progress
1. Issues from updates	Each group outlined the main issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Although organisations are committed at a senior level this is not being cascaded to all staff, therefore difficult to progress issues/projects	1. DR to ask CXs of CCW, EA and FC to ensure that commitment to the devolved BAP process is cascaded down through all levels of their organisation to avoid blockages which are currently	

- Less buy-in from some organisations resulting in most of the work being carried out by a few group members
 - Membership gaps (e.g. Crown estate on Marine Group, lack of LBAP reps on Coastal Group.) and lack of more senior members able to make decisions.
 - Individuals representing themselves and not reporting back to other organisations
 - Some group members represent very narrow interests which can not be dealt with in detail at meetings leading to alienation of those individuals
 - Knowledge gaps particularly for species
 - Lack of resources (capacity and funding)
 - Need for assistance/funds for writing external funding bids
 - Concern about lack of clarity on the understanding of Ecosystem Approach and Ecosystem Services. Chris Lee (WAG Tech Services Division) is happy for Biodiversity Policy group to develop a statement on this.
 - Need to determine a consistent framework for decision making to resolve conflict issues between species needs and between species and habitat needs
 - WAG consultations apart from Glastir ELS not reaching Ecosystem Groups (Glastir perceived to be slowing progress
2. **DR and JK** to meet with Michele Bromley and Christ Tucker to discuss progress with Woodland Group and to ensure active involvement by FC in other groups
 3. **JK** to change name of Lowland Farmland Group to Enclosed Farmland Group on all communications/ website etc.
 4. **CLR** to obtain table on all- Wales activity on Ecosystem Services from Dai Harris
 5. **JK** is preparing a paper on the Ecosystem Approach for the Policy group and will circulate it to all for comment in November
 6. **DR** to speak with Kevin Austin to determine whether there is any merit in organising a special meeting with him in November to discuss Glastir
 7. **DR** to determine whether there will be an SEA of Glastir scheme
 8. **DR** to send note to all WAG departments regarding the need to consult ESG and SEG
 9. **JK** to determine whether Kate Williamson is still able to act as
- E-mail circulated to all
- On-going
- Emma Broad the Wrexham Biod Officer is the LBAP rep
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consultation for Commons and HLS not received yet).

LBAP contact on the Wetland and Species Expert Groups
Kate remains the SEG rep

10. **All Chairs** to ensure that LBAP contact s follow the protocols, discussed later, when feeding back to other LBAPS (Wildlife Trusts and National Parks should also feed back to others)

11. **DR** to send details of grant funding for 2009/10. ~6/8K to be assigned to each group for direct action but must be spent by end of this financial year. WAG will be running the grant using rules developed by Joanna Robertson for CCW. Done

12. **JK** to determine whether CCW/EA/FC Funding Group has been established and whether they can provide advice to Groups

13. **JK** to circulate bullet points from the discussion Done

14. **JK** to circulate the WBP workshop summary Done

15. **JK** to discuss the possibility for LBAP training (including field training) with WBP Support Team Done – 3 regional Seminars to be organised in April/May 2010

16. **HB** to talk to Natur about including LBAP training in their programmes

2. Action Writing

A workshop was run looking at some of the habitat and species actions produced so far. Key points from the discussion were noted.

JS presented the summary of the WBP workshop, similar points had been raised regarding SMART targets etc. An additional point about providing LBAPS with ore support was discussed. There was concern that LBAP and other local staff may be inexperienced or lack technical knowledge and

3. Policy Group Update

therefore are unable to take forward actions. ESG expressed an interest in running training sessions for LBAP partnerships.

Policy Actions from ESGs and SEG; the Policy Group looked at 3 policy action templates at the Policy meeting and these are being taken forward by JK and DR. Two Urban Policy issues have already been actioned.

It was agreed that there would be a nine month rolling programme to review progress; The timetable is:

September 2009
Upland, Lowland Grassland and Heathland, Urban

December 8th 2009
Marine, Enclosed Farmland, Wetland, SEG

March 16th 2010
Freshwater, Coastal, Woodland

June 15th 2010
Review Upland, Lowland Heathland and Grassland, Urban

September 21st
Review Marine, Enclosed Farmland, Wetland, SEG

17. **All** to ensure Policy templates are submitted to JK 2 weeks before the Relevant Policy Group meeting

18. **JK** to circulate Policy Group meeting dates Done

19. **All** to read Policy Group minutes on WBP website

20. **JK** to invite Chairs to Policy Group meetings where their issues are being discussed Done for next meeting

21. **All** to send urgent Policy issues to JK as they arise

22. **JK** to ensure urgent Policy issues are discussed and actioned between meetings or at next meeting.

4. Timetable for Targets/Action Plans	JS showed the timetables for habitats and species.	23. JS to alter Marine habitats to February 2010	
5. WBP report	<p>JK will be preparing the report for WBP. It was agreed that the groups would send JK examples of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Good projects/actions which have arisen from the groups 2. Problems with groups 3. Decision points or actions need from WBP 	<p>24. JS to circulate to all</p> <p>25. All to e-mail JK with points by next Wednesday (14th October)</p> <p>26. JK to write paper for WBP Steering group meeting in November</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Done</p>
6. AOB	<p>Habitat Reporting</p> <p>Each group should identify who will be carrying out habitat reporting on BARS and at the three yearly UK review</p> <p>DR highlighted a scheme to improve links to the academic sector by appointing one academic link for each EGS and the SEG.</p> <p>All agreed that this would be very useful. For the SEG either a specialist in one of the taxon groups lacking expertise or an expert in Population Dynamics would be useful</p> <p>Two regional workshops are being run for CCW and FC staff on 19th November in Bangor and 26 November in Cardiff</p> <p>PJ was asked to do a presentation at Bangor on behalf of the ESGs</p>	<p>27. All to pass names of reporting staff to JK (upland completed)</p> <p>28. DR to pursue</p> <p>29. JK to send details to all</p> <p>30. DR to ask Michele Bromley/CT to ensure FC regional staff were invited</p> <p>31. JK to ask Michele Bromley/CT to</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p>

It was suggested that the Woodland Group could represent the ESGs at Cardiff
 Concern about EA's involvement was raised; whilst the Biodiversity Teams were very involved other departments were less aware of the biodiversity process
 There was also concern that it was taking considerable time to sign Memoranda of Agreements with EA and this was delaying work
 All agreed that the Non Native Species Group and Environmental Information Group should be represented at this meeting

Research proposals for Defra had been submitted by Richard Evans on behalf of the Ecosystems Groups and SEG. There had been no feedback as to whether any proposals had been taken forward

PJ Wetland Vision which could be linked to spatial planning. The upland Framework could be used in the same way. JK suggested that they should liaise with Steve Spode at WAG who had been involved in the south east Network Environment Region

27 April 2007
 A meeting with Kevin Austin may be organised in

represent Ecosystem Groups at Cardiff

32. **DR** to discuss awareness raising and MoAs with Nick Birula

33. **DR** to invite Martin Parkinson/Helen Wilkinson and Bill Sommerfield to the next meeting

34. **CLR** to find out if new BAP research ideas should be sent to Richard Evans or Dai Harris and to find out whether any of the research suggestion from the ESGs had been taken forward

35. **CLR** to ask Nina Pritchard for a summary of all Defra funded BAP research in Wales and send to JS

36. **JK** to send BJ and PJ Steve Spode's contact detail Done

37. **JK** to arrange meeting

7. Date of next Meeting

November if there is an opportunity for ESGs and
SEG to make father comments on Glastir