

**Woodland Ecosystem Group Woodland Ecosystem Group
Meeting 20
Tuesday 26 April 2016**

Attendees:-

Chris Tucker (CT) – NRW
 Elen Richards (ER) – Coed Cymru
 Richard Jones (RJ) – NRW
 James Latham (JLa) – NRW
 John Healy (JH) – Bangor University
 Richard Crompton (RC) – Consultant Ecologist
 Jerry Langford (JL) – WT (Present for brief time at start of meeting)

Apologies:-

Fiona McFarlane (FM) – WG
 John Cryer (JC) – RSPB

Action points arising:-

Agenda Item	Action Point	Follow-up
1 – welcome, etc.	RJ to draft action points from meeting.	Done
2 – WG Nature Recovery Plan	1 – CT to collate objectives and actions relevant to working of the Group and send out for comments 2 – CT to contact Caryn Le Roux from WG and raise use of indicators and the level of funding likely to be provided to measure success of the Plan. 3 – Follow up action point 1 from 22 October 2015 meeting of the Group in relation to links between Nature Recovery Plan and Woodlands for Wales Strategy	
3 – Woodlands for Wales strategy	4 – CT to circulate “Welsh Forest Resource Ten Areas for Action Plan”. 5 – CT to consider and provide question for Group around delivery of the action plan. 7 – All to consider how action plan could be delivered effectively considering how links between economic and Biodiversity considerations could be improved as part of implementation of the Strategy. 8- JLa to circulate information and invite to the first meeting of WG Future Natural Resources Monitoring Programme for Wales.	
4 – Glastir woodland	No actions Not fully discussed as Welsh Government not present	

Management		
5 –RDP Sustainable Management Grant	9 – All to consider suitable projects for scheme taking account of priorities in both the Nature Recovery Plan and the Woodlands for Wales Strategy. (The first application window closes April/May 2016 but further window anticipated).	
6 - Restocking of PAWS Sites	10 – CT to check with WG Forest Policy team to see if paper produced by the Advisory Panel can be shared with Group.	
7 – Landscape Management Partnerships	11- JL to provide a written update on this item before the next meeting.	

Note: The Group did not go through the actions from the previous meeting of 22 October 2015. These have been included below for reference.

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1 – welcome, etc.	None	
2 – WG Nature Recovery Plan	1 – TH to examine linkages between Natural Resource Policy and Woodlands for Wales (WfW) strategy. 2 – FM to send WfW biodiversity policy position and WfW strategy to TH 3 – JL to pull out WESG priorities and send to TH, Caron Le Roux and NAL to feed into Wales Biodiversity Steering Group meeting on Nature Recovery Plan on 20 th Nov. 4 – CT to contact NRM pilots to find out how they are addressing woodland biodiversity issues. 5 - WESG prioritisation to be examined at next meeting – CT to invite JL (?) and Steve Spode.	Done Done
3 – Glastir Woodland Management	6 – FM to flag to Forestry policy branch that WESG members are offering to help develop/ influence biodiversity objectives. 7 – LS to report back to WESG on what Farming Connect is delivering on woodland. 8 - FM to investigate whether Glastir Restoration grant is selecting on PAWS.	Done

	9 – FM to circulate rough figures on PAWS under clear-fell.	
4 – Glastir Creation opps maps	10 – FM to enquire if presentation by Bill MacDonald on GWC opportunity maps can be circulated if poss.	
5- AWI	None	
6- Supporting landscape partnerships	<p>11 – JL to collate a list of landscape management partnership projects with a woodland interest (in order to identify where advice/assistance,/ promotion of activity can be provided by WESG)</p> <p>12 - CT to contact Martin Evans and EP&P Managers to get list of NRW landscape projects to add to Woodland Trust list.</p> <p>13 – All – to forward info on landscape partnerships to JL to help compile list.</p> <p>13 – CT to circulate woodland thematic action plan for Natura LIFE project</p>	
7 – Forest design planning on WGWE	14 – CT to find out what NRW procurement policy is on using imported stock from local provenance seed.	
8 – Coed Cymru update	15 – CT to raise with other ecosystem group chairs re: WESG concern over loss of biodiversity officers in many local authorities – in terms of undertaking biodiversity action as well as meeting biodiversity duties under Environment Bill.	
9 – WT update	None	
10 – WG Ancient tree T+F group	None	
11 – Actions from previous	<p>16 – JL to circulate Woodland Trust UKWAS review recommendations</p> <p>17 – FM to circulate ADAS survey on Glastir woodland take-up survey and Wavehill report</p> <p>18 – CT to discuss with Tracey Lovering what the purpose of the Evidence Gap project is, and how to make it relevant to the work of WESG. The WESG list of evidence gaps is an indication of research interest – resource is needed to undertake a literature review to validate research gaps.</p>	
12 - AOB	19 – CT and JL to circulate available guidance on managing Chalara and alternative species.	
13 – date of next meeting	3 rd March 2016	