

Woodland Ecosystem Group Woodland Ecosystem Group
Meeting 19
Thursday 22nd October, 2015

Attendees:-

Chris Tucker (CT) – NRW
 Elen Richards (ER) – Coed Cymru
 Richard Jones (RJ) - NRW
 Fiona McFarlane (FM) – WG
 Tom Henderson (TH) - WG
 Nigel Ajax-Lewis (NAL) – WTSWW
 John Cryer (JC) - RSPB
 Laura Shewring (LS) – Woodland Trust
 Jerry Langford (JL) – Woodland Trust

Action points arising:-

Agenda Item	Action Point	Follow-up
1 – welcome, etc.	None	
2 – WG Nature Recovery Plan	<p>1 – TH to examine linkages between Natural Resource Policy and Woodlands for Wales (WfW) strategy.</p> <p>2 – FM to send WfW biodiversity policy position and WfW strategy to TH</p> <p>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 20th Nov.</p> <p>4 – CT to contact NRM pilots to find out how they are addressing woodland biodiversity issues.</p> <p>5 - WESG prioritisation to be examined at next meeting – CT to invite JL (?) and Steve Spode.</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Done</p>
3 – Glastir Woodland Management	<p>6 – FM to flag to Forestry policy branch that WESG members are offering to help develop/ influence biodiversity objectives.</p> <p>7 – LS to report back to WESG on what Farming Connect is delivering on woodland.</p> <p>8 - FM to investigate whether Glastir Restoration grant is selecting on PAWS.</p> <p>9 – FM to circulate rough figures on PAWS under clear-fell.</p>	Done
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	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	

partnerships	<p>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	