

Draft Minutes - Grassland and Heathland Ecosystem Group Meeting - 08th June 2011
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Attending:

Apologies:

Jan Sherry	JS	CCW
Alys Edwards	AE	WBP
Stuart Smith	SS	CCW
Helen Buckingham	HB	National Trust
Trevor Dines	TD	Plantlife
Sion Brackenbury	SB	GCI
Nick Somerfield	NS	FUW
Kyra Somerfield	KS	FUW
John Warren	JW	Aberystwyth Uni
Charles Morgan	CM	PONT
Rebecca Wright	RW	CCW
Kathleen Carroll	KC	WAG
Arwel Williams	AW	WAG
Elen Richards	ER	NPT
Julian Jones	JJ	WTW

Dave Lamacraft	DL	RSPB
Wendy Larcombe	WL	NPT
Sarah Mellor	SM	NT

No.	Action	Who	Progress
Priority Maps			
1	AE to circulate Priority Maps and Briefs to all	AE	
2	All to send comment to lead by 12th July 2011	ALL	

No.	Action	Who	Progress
3	JJ to circulate maps and briefs to Individual Trusts in Wales	JJ	
4	AE to ask Caryn Le-Roux to invite NS and KS to join the Enclosed Farmland Ecosystem Group (either in person or via correspondence)	AE/Caryn Le-Roux	
5	NS and KS to consider possibility of submitting article to FUW newsletter in order to identify and address knowledge gaps to inform priority mapping exercise, focussing on areas such as ancient orchards and hedgerows.	NS and KS	
BAP Action Plans			
6	BAP Action Plans need to be reviewed in light of priority mapping exercise, focusing on delivery mechanisms, funding requirements, appropriate lead etc. A suite of actions may be relevant across all projects and it may be possible to apply generic actions across groups. AE to ask Tracey Lovering (CCW) to add this as an agenda item for the next Chairs meeting, asking all groups to review plans.	AE	
	Sub-group needed to review LGHEG Action Plans and identify any actions still relevant. AE circulate draft action plans to all and arrange sub-group meeting to take forward work. Anyone interested in involvement to inform AE.	AE ALL	
Policy Issues Document			
7	AE to update Policy Issues document following discussion at the meeting and forward to Tracey for discussion at next Policy Group Meeting.	AE	

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8	CM to raise comments at next Policy Group meeting	CM	
9	AE to add in comments received from LBAPs regarding Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs)	AE	
10	AE to arrange separate meeting to discuss Heather/Grass burning regs. Etc	AE	
Environment Wales Biodiversity Fund			
11	Environment Wales Biodiversity Fund criteria and guidance needs revision. – including providing mechanisms for addressing issues on smaller sites, such as shared machinery etc. JJ to ask WEL to coordinate letter from NGOs, giving feedback on application process.	JJ	
12	AE to contact groups and inform them of the outcome of today's meeting, suggesting amendments to project proposals where appropriate.		

PLEASE NOTE: Date of Next Meeting: 02nd December. WAG Offices, Rhodfa Padarn, Aberystwyth