

WBP UPLANDS ECOSYSTEM GROUP

ACTIONS FROM MEETING – 25th February 2010

Technium, Aberystwyth

Present

Barbara Jones (CCW & Chair), Helen Buckingham (NT), Steve Chambers (WAG), Mike Jenkins (EAW), Charles Morgan (PONT), Dafydd Roberts (SNPA), Jan Sherry (CCW), Reg Thorpe (RSPB), Chris Tucker (FCW), Jessica Tyler (NT – Abergwesyn).

Apologies

Gareth Ellis (BBNPA), Clive Faulkner (Monts Wildlife Trust), Peter Jennings (Dŵr Cymru), Peter Jones (CCW), Bev Lewis (Brecknock Wildlife Trust), Marion Thompson (Heather Trust), Sian Whitehead (CCW)

Actions carried over from meeting of 12th October 2010

Details of Darren Fawr and Ongar Uchaf projects to be sent to Barbara Jones by Bev Lewis
Clive Faulkner to circulate more details on Powys Peatland Group DONE

Actions from meeting of 25th February 2010

ACTION	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
Summarise information on the recent proposed project from Aberdeen regarding peat protection from “carbon credit / offsetting” payments	CF	1st Jun 2010
All to pass comments on the current draft blanket bog HAPs to PJ/JS/BJ	All	2 nd Mar 2010
Add standard wording into all HAPs across all groups for WAG funds to hit Outcome 21 actions & the 95% target for NGO/LA owned land in the upland HAPs	JS	2 nd Mar 2010
CCW (& RSPB?) to meet with major landowners (NT & BBNPA initially, then possibly MoD & Water Companies) to discuss the Upland Framework approach to prioritising actions on their land and integrating actions across habitats	BJ, HB & GE initially	31 st May 2010 DONE
Each organisation to bring to the next meeting a “top 5” list of focused ideas as to what are the most important habitat/species priorities (sites & issues) in their individual work areas to contribute to a Wales level prioritisation which can then be fed down to LBAPs to implement (see note on June meeting below)	All	23 rd Jun 2010
Statutory agency (not FCW) staff (+ others) to send to BJ the top 5 issues relating to conservation/restoration of biodiversity in the uplands that we need WAG to include in the next Remit/Strategic Grants Letters.	All	12 th Apr 2010
Find out the situation regarding FCW “FLUC” maps	CT	31 st Mar 2010
Follow up issue of academic leads with Diana for each HAP	JS	31 st Mar 2010
Send information on recent Wales Water Vole Key Sites to JS	MJ	23 rd Jun 2010
Send information on Wales Important Plant Areas to JS	Trevor Dines	23 rd Jun 2010

Agree priorities for Upland Heathland on WAG estate	CT, BJ, JS, RT	23 rd Jun 2010
Send project proposal & claim for Hafod Lwyfog <i>Rhododendron</i> control work to Bill Somerfield at WAG	HB	1 st Mar 2010 DONE
Find out deadline (timetable) for when species actions from Species Expert Group are to feed into HAPs	JS	8 th Mar 2010 DONE
Ask Stephen Bladwell when species needs and maps and drafts will appear on WBP website and whether there will be a common approach to producing habitat requirements for different species.	RT	8 th Mar 2010
Find out from WAG when the blanket bog/golden plover project on Elenydd will commence	RT	8 th Mar 2010
Encourage LBAPs to feed upland action plans (grouped or otherwise) to this group (as Carmarthen have done recently)	All	On-going
Environmental legislation (e.g. Section 28 of W&CA) is already in place in Wales to protect sites but CCW & WAG can be reluctant to use it – get message to policy group that this needs to be improved	BJ	At next policy issues request
Pursue plan for Carneddau montane heath restoration	BJ, HB, DR	23 rd Jun 2010
Email the habitat type and condition pictorial guides for landowners that PONT have developed to whole group	CM	2 nd Mar 2010 DONE
Send a reply to David Morris at WAG stressing the need for a co-ordinated approach to the technical training of WAG Glastir staff as part of the Glastir programme and the possible use of the illustrated guides.	BJ	8 th Mar 2010
UK generic plans for the 3 “new” upland HAPs are due to be finished by the end of March 2010. Circulate to group	BJ	31 st Mar 2010

Dates of future meetings

23rd June 2010 (Mid Wales – location and time to be decided). This will be an important meeting at which we will prioritise where and what are the main actions required in the Welsh uplands to conserve/restore habitats and species. This will provide a priority list for LBAPs, NGOs and statutory bodies for action in the uplands and help to focus resources such as the potential future new WBP “Biodiversity Grant” onto the most urgent requirements. I would urge you all to attend as our discussions should produce very influential guidance for upland conservation in Wales in the next few years. We will be contacting you all in the next few months for information and input to prepare for this.

2nd November 2010 (could change and become an “overnighter” if we go on location to a “site of action” & combine with a formal meeting – to be discussed further at June meeting)