

3rd Meeting of the Woodland Ecosystem Group

4th May 2010 William Davies room Ibers

Attendees

Chris Tucker – Chair
Celia Thomas
Chris Smith
Jim Latham
Nigel Ajax Lewis
Sarah Mellor
Lynda Makepeace
Richard Jones
Jane Holloway – Minutes

1. Introductions and Apologies

David Jenkins
Emma Guy
Reg Thorpe
Jerry Langford

Sian Whitehead resigned

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Minutes agreed

Action Points

AWI – tender is ending next week – once contractor

- Action Point - Chris Tucker - Contact Ben Ditchburn /Alan Brewer regarding NFI project, invite them to next meeting in September.

Lynda Makepeace - Tir Gofal contract been sent out – will have update soon

Emma Guy has agreed to be our LBAP representative.

- Action Point - Chris Tucker - No contact as yet with Liz Howe regarding changing targets in relation to the new figures from NFI – Chris Tucker to talk to Keith Jones regarding targets/amount of woodland is it still 14%?
- Action Point – Chris Tucker to ask Emma/Keith to attend the next meeting to discuss AWI & WfW Indicators – Have invite both to the 23rd September – for the morning session. (JH)
- Action Point – Jim Latham to produce map for next meeting for Native woodland layers to give guidance to LBAP etc priority habitat /regional areas.
- Action Point – Chris to talk to Stephen Bladwell regarding section 42 list
- Action Point – get someone from G&R to come to next meeting

Loss of Ancient Woodland AWI and loss of general woodland - FCW has been talking to WLGA – with regards to loss during the planning system to get this recorded – Cardiff not part of WLGA.

- Action Point – Scrub loss is it recorded/how/where? Is there a definition of scrub?

What is the mechanism for BWW? Can BWW deal with grazing?

Woodland sales, lotted out – landscape issues – need to get all woodland owners on board if you want to remove rhod etc. Snowdonia NP have gone to WAG to remove rights of FCW etc to stop owners requesting permission to putting sheds etc on land.

- Action Point – Chris Tucker - To request Patrick Green to come to the next meeting. Need to compile list of points to take to BWW regarding issues including -
 - Post BWW what will happen
 - Glas Tir.
 - Grazing issues
 - Wood Pasture
 - habitat networking
 - Parkland – link woodland habitat.
 - Workshop woodland grant schemes now and in the future incorporating biodiversity angle?
 - Speak to Richard Siddons
 - BWW how is it monitored?
- Action Point – Chris Tucker - What does BWW monitor?

Nigel Ajax Lewis – went to Chairs meeting representing Chris Tucker. CCW monitoring. Sacs monitoring programme. What are you monitoring? Decide what you want to achieve, with regards to targets we need to see if the woodlands are still there/ and condition.

- Action Point – Chris to talk to other Chairs regarding monitoring
- Action Point - Where is illegal felling recorded? Can it be mapped? – Chris Tucker to talk to Martyn Potton.

3. Update on WfW, Action Plan and Indicators, showed presentation and web versions of Action Plan and Indicators that are now on the Web, follow link from www.forestry.co.uk/wales. Discussed rolling 3 year Corporate plan, updated version will be on Web by 12th May. Add link

4. Halting Biodiversity Loss paper – discussion on paper sent out

Paragraph 2 - remove from red text rather than monitoring and survey

Paragraph 3 - List of where new 100,000 ha should be targeted and what should be present in new woodland.

Tree species – native woodlands 50% mix – conifer 50% then providence of trees
CCF

Need more detail of Glastir /Constraints under Glastir

Help to deliver biodiversity

Education /public benefit – needs to be more then carbon sequestration?

Location right to deliver all the benefits, not just on poor land.

Flood defence, water management

Vision of how we deliver our targets – key ideas and good examples

What is the specification/woodland types/targets – can we write them?

Paragraph 4 - Benefits for managing biodiversity - List them

Renewable energy be very specific in our action plan

5. Woodland species – agree / modify S42 species list and include actions for the WESG Action Plan

Group by habitat - New column to state themes / types of woodlands these species require on sheet. Spatial maps?

Prioritisation of species – pick out most important – what is criteria? Need to define

- [Action Point – Chris Tucker to speak to Stephan Bladwell](#)
- [Contact Species group and discuss where they are with regards to their list.](#)

List to state whether species is on list and how to managed it, with links to relevant websites. Woodland types / cross box e.g. if you have an Oak woodland these are the species that are likely to be present and then how to manage the woodland for the species - Photo ID?

6. Making links to other Ecosystem groups Action Plan

CCW looking at special toolkit relating to LBAPs priority areas, early state – mapping layer for people to use to identify spatially priority species and habitat.

Other habitat manage open habitat e.g. marsh facility meadows lost because they where ignored in woodland management. – BWW does not deal with this, no easy mechanism to retain these habitats. Section 15? – need to talk to the Chairs of other groups regarding this.

Chris Tucker - Upland

Sarah Mellor – Heathland

FCW – Fresh water

Nigel Ajax Lewis - Brownfields

7. Links to local level – discussed as part of above point.

8. Update WESG Action Plan

Ask all partners/ National Parks/LA's to give information with regards to PAWS etc to put into Action Plan.

Coed Cymru could possibly provide some of this information.

Priority habitat guides

- [Action Point – Chris Tucker link to Pest diseases /ecology from FR website, quarterly new letter?](#)

Next steps and Date of next meeting:

23rd Sept – 10am – 15.30