

**WBP Group Chairs Meeting 12**  
**Focus: Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB**  
**Management Plan**

**15 July 2014, IBERS, Aberystwyth University**

**Attending:**

- Dai Harris (Chair)
- David Shiel, Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB
- Stephen Bladwell, RSPB (Species Expert Group Chair)
- Charles Morgan, RSPB (Upland Ecosystem Group Chair)
- Jan Sherry, NRW (Lowland Grassland & Heathland Ecosystem Group Co-chair & Urban & Brownfield Ecosystem Group Rep)
- Chris Tucker, NRW (Woodland Ecosystem Group Chair)
- Pete Jones, NRW (Wetland Ecosystem Group Chair)
- Clare Burrows, NRW (Enclosed Farmland Ecosystem Group Chair)
- Heather Lewis, NRW (Coastal Ecosystem Group Rep)
- Tracey Lovering, NRW/WBP (WBP Group Chairs Co-ordinator/ WBP Evidence Gaps Project Lead)
- Kathleen Carroll, WG (INNS Group Rep)

**Apologies:**

- Gill Bell, MCS (Marine Ecosystem Group Chair)
- Tristan Hatton-Ellis, NRW (Freshwater Ecosystem Group Chair)
- Pete Frost (Urban Ecosystem Group Chair)

**WBP GROUP CHAIRS MEETING 12 - DRAFT ACTIONS**

No.	Action	Who	By
<b>New Actions 15 July 2014</b>			
1.1	Dai to ensure WBP Group Chairs receive Wales Biodiversity Strategy Board (WBSB) papers in advance of every WBSB meeting.	<b>Dai Harris</b>	<b>Prior to next WBSB</b>
1.2	WBP advisory Groups to provide comments/advice to Caryn le Roux, following receipt of WBSB meeting papers.	<b>WBP Chairs</b>	
1.3	Caryn to raise WBP Group Chair comments/advice at WBSB meeting.	<b>Caryn le Roux</b>	
2.	Dai to circulate information on forthcoming Resilience Workshop to be circulated to all WBP Chairs.	<b>DH</b>	<b>once available</b>
3.	Chris to circulate National Forest Inventory 2011 and Ash Biodiversity report to David Shiel and WBP Group Chairs	<b>Chris Tucker</b>	<b>29 July</b>

4	Charles and David to develop Close Shepherding Project Proposal funding bid for Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB.	<b>Charles Morgan/David Shiel</b>	<b>asap to submit to WG Nature Fund</b>
5.1	Pete to circulate protocol for surveying for deep peat to WBP Chairs and DS	<b>Pete Jones</b>	<b>29 July</b>
5.2.	Pete to provide management advice to David Shiel on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tufa springs (Wheeler Valley)</li> <li>• Peatland within Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB</li> </ul>	<b>PJ</b>	<b>4 August?</b>
6.	Freshwater Ecosystem Group to provide freshwater biodiversity management advice in relation to the Wheeler and Alyn River Valleys within Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB. Forward to David Shiel.	<b>Tristan Hatton-Ellis</b>	<b>4 August?</b>
7.	Stephen to forward guidance to DS re: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidance on spatially targeting management for woodland priority species</li> <li>• RSPB information on Important Woodland Nature Areas</li> <li>• Outline information on the RSPB Atlantic Woodland LIFE bid.</li> </ul>	<b>Stephen Bladwell</b>	<b>29 July</b>
8.	Jan to forward to David Shiel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upland Bird GIS layer (Important Bird Areas)</li> <li>• Information on hay meadow research.</li> </ul>	<b>Jan Sherry</b>	<b>29 July - Complete</b>
9.	Clare to forward to David Shiel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NRW Fridd paper</li> <li>• GIS Fridd map</li> </ul>	<b>Clare Burrows</b>	<b>29 July</b>
10.	All Chairs to forward WBP Group updates to Tracey, for uploading to Chairs page on WBP website, and for WBSB information.	<b>WBP Chairs (where outstanding)</b>	<b>29 July</b>
11.1	Tracey to circulate WBP Evidence Gaps Presentation	<b>Tracey Lovering</b>	<b>29 July</b>
11.2	Tracey to re-circulate actions for WBP Chairs/Groups from Evidence Gaps Project Launch event.	<b>TL</b>	<b>29 July</b>
11.3	WBP Group Chairs to encourage group members to join WBP Evidence Gaps Project Forum on Linked-in, to promote on-line discussion on potential mechanisms to meet group's evidence gaps and gather existing information/expertise relating to these.	<b>All WBP Group Chairs</b>	<b>29 July</b>
11.4	WBP Group Chairs to consider comments/links/information provided by CEH team and Mike Bruford against each of the group's evidence gaps with their groups by email. Group to follow up any leads/links provided. Amend evidence gap and related information where appropriate.	<b>All WBP Group Chairs</b>	<b>Report back at next Chairs meeting – October 2014</b>
11.5	WBP Group Chairs to engage directly with their listed academics to encourage involvement in group work e.g. ask academic to provide an agenda item on their specialist	<b>All WBP Group Chairs</b>	<b>At next WBP Group</b>

	area, and encourage an academic to actively lead the group's standing item on evidence gaps.		meeting
12	Clare to contact Angus Garbutt to enquire whether he would join the Enclosed Farmland Ecosystem Group as CEH's Glastir Monitoring Survey manager.	Clare	4 August?
13	Tracey to provide Pete with contact details for Llyn AONB and Gwynedd Biodiversity Team leader	TL	29 July
14	All Chairs to send ideas on content and venue of proposed WBP Evidence Gap Project workshops –  1. Marine/coastal/INNS; 2. Upland/Grassland & heathland/Woodland/INNS & species 3. Urban & Brownfield/Enclosed Farmland/INNS	All WBP Group Chairs	29 July
15.1	Tracey to arrange next WBP Chairs on Llyn with Llyn Landscape Partnership/AONB & Biodiversity Team in October 2014. Invite David Cowley and Steve Roberts from Anglesey CC to share learning from Mawndir Mon Project.	TL	11 August
15.2	Tracey to circulate a doodlepoll for date of next meeting	TL	11 August
	<b>Carried forward actions from February meeting</b>		
16 (1.)	Matthew to speak to Graham re. future relationship of MEG & WG Marine & Fisheries	Matthew	7 March
17. (3.)	WBP Groups to support technical side of 3 NRW trial projects including the Dyfi. Contact: Patrick Green	All WBP Groups/Chairs	Ongoing, as required
18 (4.)	Matthew to discuss with Ceri whether NRW can re-instate Upland Ecologist post.	Matthew	
19 (5.)	Update Group membership details Send to Gemma Light <sup>1</sup> and cc TL <sup>2</sup>	All WBP Group Chairs	
20 (7.)	All Chairs to share feedback on evidence gaps table with their Groups, and: 1) address comments & follow up information/links provided by Prof Mike Bruford (See columns I.J.K in Nov V2 <i>Register of Evidence Gaps</i> attached. Please note old version of Register. Newest available on website). This may require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new discussions on specific gaps with useful new links to researchers/departments;</li> <li>• re-writing the question in light of existing evidence/papers Mike has directed gap leads to;</li> <li>• re-writing the question as needed (if suited to research) following the guidelines given to <i>Formulating research questions</i> via Project webpage</li> </ul>	All WBP Group Chairs	

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	<p>above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>breaking down a large scale gap into component sub questions that may suit separate linked projects.</li> </ul> <p>2) identify with your Group the priority evidence gaps and appropriately highlight these within the evidence gaps register (red=high, orange=medium, yellow=low).</p> <p>3) agree your research project Group lead per high priority evidence gap (suited to research); lead to develop &amp; submit a completed Project Proposal per research project to TL<sup>2</sup></p>		
21 (8.)	All Chairs to ensure Group pages on WBP website <sup>3</sup> are updated and populated with Group members list, meeting agendas, actions, work programmes, projects including REF funded, priority mapping, contact details and useful links. Send page updates to Sean McHugh <sup>4</sup> .	<b>All WBP Group Chairs</b>	
<b>On-going actions</b>			
22	Using the Priority Mapping Workshop Planner, Chairs to ensure Groups add forthcoming workshops and actions from previous workshops (send to Sean McHugh to include on WBP website). Stephen Bladwell and Sean McHugh to share Planner with Species Expert Group to facilitate SEG rep attendance at these events.	<b>All WBP Group Chairs</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
23.	All Chairs to forward Group Updates provided at Chairs Mtg to Tracey Lovering, for inclusion on WBP web-site, with meeting agenda and actions.	<b>All WBP Group Chairs</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
24.	All Ecosystem Groups to re-visit submitted Priority Action Mapped Areas and associated data. Chairs or delegated lead to collate any changes and provide completed final revised GIS maps, and associated actions, to Jan Sherry	<b>All WBP Group Chairs</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>

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