

**West Midlands Biodiversity Partnership  
Landscapes for Living Steering Group**

**B & BC Wildlife Trust, 28 Harborne Road**

**10.30am – 1pm, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**AGENDA**

Present: Colin Raven, Mike Kinghan, Andrew Heaton, Jeff Edwards, Fran Griffith, Gina Rowe, Sue Lawley, Nigel Jones, Dave Haslem, Nigel Jones

Apologies: Sarah Faulkner

**1. Regional Targets Study**

The brief for consultants engaged to undertake targets work had been circulated with an explanatory paper from JE. JE explained that the main focus of the work was to review the regional habitat targets for the 2026 RSS timescale, but would also consider targets to 2015. The work would also hopefully produce a habitat potential map and a network analysis. Those present felt that this work would be of great assistance in preparing local opportunity maps.

It was noted that May that the regional vision map may need to be reviewed in the light of the targets study.

The next WMBP meeting – on 22<sup>nd</sup> October will be an information and consultation session on the targets study for BAP officers and other interested parties from across the region

**Action: JE/MK to develop targets event with consultants**

**2. Sub-Regional Opps Maps**

The Biodiversity planning guidance which included significant reference to opportunity mapping has been circulated to LAs. In terms of progress in the sub-regions:

- Herefords – no progress. It was suggested that JE should look at MoA and liaise with Carrie Hume to raise the issue with the Council
- BBCWT – draft value map produced
- Warks – LBAP agreed to take forward, bringing info together
- Worcs – awaiting outcome of regional project
- Staffs – several things: CC doing LDU analysis of the County re habitat quality/potential; dividing BAP into manageable chunks; SWT ecosystems map; Sue's flora map
- Shrops: Axiophyte based biodiversity map being produced by DW – not considering potential at the moment

**Action: All**

**3. Current Position on Delivery Priorities**

JE had circulated a paper on the outline of the Delivery Plan which NE have asked for under the EBS framework – to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> November.

It was agreed that the best would be done in the timescale and that we would make it clear that this was an interim plan related to 2009/10 to be revised in a more timely fashion during the following year.

It was agreed that an event to discuss inputs to the plan would be held on the afternoon of 22<sup>nd</sup> October, after the morning event on the Targets study

**Action: JE to develop proposal**

#### **4. Review of Role and Membership**

A paper previously discussed by the WMBP Steering Group regarding a review of the sub-groups had been circulated. It was agreed that the mapping phase was now drawing to a close and there should be a greater focus on delivery. LfL branding to be phased out.

Given the shift of focus towards delivery the following were suggested:

- Nigel King and RSPB to be invited to sub-gp meetings
- CR suggested Alex Kinnersley as rep from Worcs
- MK/JE to meet with LBAP Co-ords
- Ask NE, FC and EA how they see their role in delivery

Colin Raven confirmed that he was standing down as chair and sub-group member. JE thanked him on behalf of the Partnership for his invaluable input into the project.

**Action: All to consider potential new Chair**

#### **5. RSS Phase 3 review**

The Draft discussion note had been circulated. MK reported that possible options were being discussed for inclusion in the Phase 3 Options consultation which was expected to take place in the summer of 2009 (after the EIP for Phase 2). One of the options which had been discussed would involve inclusion of the Regional Map together with a requirement for local maps. This was felt by those present to be the ideal option to pursue

**Action: JE/MK to note and relay to the RSS Biodiversity Sub-gp**

#### **6. Regional Opportunities Map**

A large number of additional comments had been received. Jeff agreed to go through these and review the map.

**Action: JE**

#### **7. Date of Next Meeting**

10.30am, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December – venue to be confirmed