

Newborough Liaison Partnership

Habitat & Species Task & Finish Group

Minutes of the meeting 16th August 2005

Present: Lindsey Colbourne (facilitator), Laurence Jones, Luc Roberts, Dewi Hughes, John Ratcliffe, Wil Sandison, Craig Shuttleworth, Ann Hesson, Rita Farrall, Martin Bailey, Hugh Knott, Simon Hunt, Martin Gould, Doug Murray, John Tripp, Martin Hollingham, Kath McNulty (scribe)

Apologies: Kim Burnham

Decision	Action	Who	When
Amend minutes from last time	Amend minutes to reflect that John represents a broad based ecological approach & wanted CCW to describe their proposals in that context	Kath	23.8.05
	Circulate draft TOR with minutes	Kath	23.8.05
	Bring any comments to next meeting	All	
	Supply better woodlands for Wales	Kath	Next meeting
We should cover Warren & Forest area – not just Forest	Consider whole area in our discussions	All	Ongoing
Minutes of all T & F groups can't be circulated to everyone but need to be available to all interested	Check website or information folders in post offices for other T & F group minutes if you are interested	All	Ongoing
Want to know what would grow on site	Craig to provide list of species that could grow successfully	Craig to ask Hugh Denman	
Have a list of species on the site – nice to see formally key species	Circulate CCW list of key species	Wil	
	Bring personal list of 'nice to see' species that they see/have seen in site (5 max. each).	All	
Need statement as to commercial objectives of Newborough forest	Ask Jon Levell/Chris Edwards	Kath	By next mtg. 6.9.05
Need explanation of habitats	CCW to provide @ next mtg (& maybe send out info. before if possible)	John R	6.9.05
What are consequences of red pine needle blight	FC to talk through at next meeting	Martin/ Kath	6.9.05
Walk through forest date needed ASAP	Kath to organise	Kath	6.9.05

What are the options for the balance & integration of woodland & dune habitat, in order to enhance the environmental, economic & social value of the forest & Warren area in the long term?

<u>Headline issue, opportunity, challenge that needs to be addressed</u>	<u>Options to be explored</u>
<p>How might environmental, ecological & geomorphological & successional change affect the area?</p> <p>What are the big natural processes operating & how will they affect the area? – natural</p> <p>C.A.P.</p>	<p>Hydrology</p> <p>How does dune affect forest & vice versa?</p> <p>Climate change – rain fall/temperature/sea level</p> <p>Air pollution acid deposition nitrates and sulphur ozone</p> <p>Coastal erosion</p> <p>Natural succession – ageing of the forest – disappearances</p> <p>Diseases affecting trees – red band needle blight</p>
<p>Locally induced</p>	<p>Effect of removing trees from shoreline</p> <p>Retaining trees</p> <p>Planting more trees</p> <p>Impact on tourism</p> <p>Hydrology</p> <p>Re-introductions – Bring exotic plants in.</p>

Headline Issue	Options to explore
<p>Site Management</p>	<p>One extreme would be to remove the whole Forest</p> <p>Greater integration between sand dune and forest system without too much impact on either</p> <p>Other extreme would be to plant up whole warren</p> <p>Adding land to warren area (eg towards stepping stones, from N.T)</p> <p>Planting trees on farm land to extend forest</p>
<p>Balance & implications of public use of site and forest operations</p>	<p>Forest remains Commercial producer of timber (p4 purpose?)</p> <p>Amenity woodland (recreation)</p> <p>Community involvement in management, education</p> <p>Manage as nature reserve</p> <p>Atlantic dune woodland</p>

Information Needed

Is the forest commercially viable? What is the priority given to commercial viability from F.C. , C.S.T and C. T.?

List of 5 action points from WAG→Forestry Commission (better woodlands for Wales)

What are the ecosystems operating on this site? – Sand dunes, salt marsh, intertidal area, different types of dune.

What are the endangered species in this area? – list of key species

What other possible (commercial) trees might grow here?

Tell us what will happen as a result of red-band needle blight.

Suggested Structure for your discussions

- 6th September 2005 - Information sharing session – what does everyone need to know before options worked up?
- September - Individuals/pairs/smaller groups work up options of interest (on grid)
- October - present back progress to Liaison Partnership (L.P)
- Nov. – Jan. - Continue completing the option grid..... individually and then checked and added to by whole group so all views included. – present to L.P.