

Biodiversity South West Steering Group
Renslade House, 18th Sept 2008

Attendees: Naomi Brookes, Basil Greenwood, Simon Brenman (chair), Justin Milwood, Phil Tolerton, Roger Covey, Claire Sampson, Imogen Davenport, Mark Robins, Matt Low, Elly Andison.

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Welcome and introduction</p>	
<p>SB welcomed Elly Andison from EA to the group. Elly is the new regional biodiversity contact at EA.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes and Matters Arising</p>	
<p>MR reported back on REN and informed group that there has been recognition that resourcing is needed for REN to deliver its aims. This is being worked up. There is also going to be a refresh of regional reporting through State of the Environment. This will clarify priorities, gaps and weaknesses.</p>	
<p>3. Regional Delivery Plan</p>	
<p>NB recapped the rationale behind the need to develop Regional Delivery Plan. This arises from refresh/evolution of BAP. There is recognition that we are unlikely to meet 2010 Biodiversity Target, and highlights that a real step change in delivery is needed. This meeting was primarily to discuss how we respond to this, resource implications etc.</p> <p>There is a need to develop regional delivery plans for high priority actions with agreed accountabilities, ensuring that these plans are integrated as far as possible with those of the Biodiversity Integration Group and the National Species Recovery process.</p> <p>There is a need to produce a fairly urgent Delivery Plan. Recognition that this will be an iterative process.</p> <p>We need to determine how we will deliver the regions habitat targets (and their contribution to national targets) with clear and agreed accountabilities for delivery. This may be problematic for some organisations due to resourcing implications. There is a need to draw all organisations and LBAPs into this process, possibly through a 'bidding' process.</p> <p>Part of the plan will need to determine where there are delivery gaps and need to be able to identify those for urgent delivery. Work programme needs to take account of national priorities as set out in England targets and led by the new Biodiversity Integration Groups, so there will inevitably be an iteration between the two levels of the process. The aspiration is that we have a better understanding about how the local targets stack up to meet national targets.</p> <p>The minimum ask for the Regional Delivery Plan asked for by end of November should (although this date now passed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include main activities already underway to deliver targets; • Include all activities signed up to – who, what, where; • Identify known gaps in target delivery; • Identify priority landscapes that RBF feels should form focus of enhancement and expansion work. 	

