

Notes on proposed SW 'water & woodland' seminar (discussed at meeting of SWBP Woodland Biodiversity Group 19/11/08)

- There was general support for carrying on with the idea of a seminar, particularly to tie in with EA's public consultation on the draft SW River Basin Plan (Dec'08-June'09).
- Target audience: Agencies, NGOs, Local Authority reps. Also FWAG, Anglers, NFU, CLA, ConFor, 3 major woodland contractors in region. Not yet individual 'deliverers' on the ground.
- Programme could consist of –
 - General overview on water & woodlands – Tom Nisbet, FC Research.
 - Something general on floodplains and role of woodland ? – Simon Tame/NE has offered to trawl NE to see if there's a suitable presenter. Or someone from River Parrett Project ?
 - If necessary, Fran Hitchison of Woodland Trust could present on WT's recent 'Woodland actions for biodiversity and their role in water management' publication. –
 - Case study 1: Richard Knott/EA on the Devon floodplain woodland project. –
 - Case Study 2: Dartmoor NP wet woodland project (Frances Cooper).
 - Case Study 3: something from SW Water (Kate Stokes).
- Seminar could therefore perhaps straddle 10.30 – 3.30, with an hour for lunch (12.30-1.30). This would accommodate 3 presentations of 30 mins in each 'session' with 30 mins discussion.
- Elly Andison has confirmed that a room (+ adjacent 'lunch' room) would be available at EA/Manley House on Tues 31st March '09.
- Funding – cost of booking room/coffee for AM/PM ? – Elly: do you know what this would be ?
 - cost of lunch for 40 attendees.