

**Biodiversity South West
Management Group 10.30am
Steering Group Meeting 11.30am - 3.30pm
Tuesday 3rd December 2008
Natural England, Renslade House, Exeter
Chair: Simon Brenman, SWWT**

Time	Steering Group Meeting
10.30	1. Welcome and introductions
10.40	2. Regional Delivery Plan - components / role of RBF / resource implications / role of local delivery partners and how we support them / other criteria
12.30	3. Communications a. Climate change event
12.45	4. AOB
13.00	5. Close (Lunch will not be provided)

Regional Delivery Plan

Arises from refresh/evolution of BAP. Recognition that we were unlikely to meet 2010 Target, real step change in delivery needed.

Meeting is primarily to discuss how we respond to this, resource implications etc.

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.

Need to produce fairly urgent Delivery Plan. Recognition that this will be an iterative process.

Need to determine how we will deliver the regions targets (and their contribution to national targets) with clear and agreed accountabilities.

Determine where there are delivery gaps and need to be able to identify those. Work program 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.

Minimum suggested by end of Nov:

- [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](#)

[Delivery plan over 3 years, but looking to 2015 targets.](#)

[What a delivery plan should include – need to get to Pete Brotherton within 2 weeks – based on SE example](#)

[Comments on delivery plan back to Naomi by Next Monday 8 Dec](#)

[Identifying the shortfall: proposal from Phil T.](#)

Landscapes	Habitats	Partnerships
Wetlands (Somerset Levels and Moors, NSLM, Severn Vale)	CFPGM	Projects plans and programs. Identifying areas. Identify problems/ solutions. And partnerships needed.
Heathlands Dorset Heaths East Devon West Penwith	Lowland heathland	
Uplands Dartmoor Exmoor Bodmin	Upland Heathland, Blanket bog	
Chalk and Limestone Wessex Downs Cotswolds Mendips	Neutral calcareous grassland Arable	
Others	PMGRP Lowland meadows	

[Basil/Naomi to draft brief for consultant to circulate to others. Brief will describe, current activity, gaps, plan of action to close gaps.](#)

AoB

Still good support for water and woodlands seminar aimed at agencies, NGOs. NFU, FWAG etc aim to look at water purity, flood prevention etc Aiming or 31 March. EA will cover 50% of costs. Could Partnership cover other 50% (around £200) Agreed.

Debate about woodland biodiversity sub-group. Duplication with other groups might be an issue. Suggestion that various woodland groups merge forming an overall steering group, with subgroups formed as necessary. Agreed.

SWRDA Great Debate series coming to an end. Should we input a biodiversity partnership response on the regional vision and environmental limits. Mark Robins to put together first draft and circulate.

Date of next meeting 19 January 2009 start 10:30 until finished!

Need to set up Regional Geodiversity Partnership. Would act as subgroup with no resource implications for Naomi as secretariat. – to be discussed.

National Trust Shifting Shores – Need to link NT into Coastal and Marine Group.

Thanks given to Naomi for a brilliant year's work.