

## South West Wetland Strategy Group

Time: 11.00-12.00 (12.00+ for lunch, the WfW pm)

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2006

Venue: South West Water, Peninsula House, Rydon Lane, Exeter

Aim of meeting: Look at overview of wetland work in the SW; explore potential support for Wetland BIP.

### Attendees:

Water for Wildlife UK Manager – Chris Rostron

Somerset Wildlife Trust – Lisa Schneidau

South West Biodiversity Co-ordinator - Naomi Brookes

Wessex Water – Ruth Barden

South West Water – Martin Ross, Environmental Planning Manager

South West Water – Cathy McGarvey

Lyn Jenkins – EA regional

### Apologies:

#### 1. Matters arising from last meeting

Simon Brenman not managed by Lisa Schneidau – is regional Wildlife Trusts rep, managed by the Somerset Wildlife Trust.

Regional means of holding information on projects – **LJ to pull together list** of projects and circulate, to include diffuse pollution projects. To include brief details of project, with contacts for more information. Can be displayed on SW Biodiversity Forum web site, [www.swbiodiversity.org.uk](http://www.swbiodiversity.org.uk).

#### 2. Establish terms of reference for group, Chair

Amendments made to ToR, agreed rotating chair – final version to be sent out.

RSPB – Richard Archer is Somerset officer, and rep on Regional Flood Defence

Committee – **LS to approach him about being on group** when needed. FRM (EA) also has a strategic group – **LJ to invite Alan Rafelt along**. Ben Bunting WFD Programme Manager in SW Region.

**LS to invite RSPB** officer for Somerset, Richard Archer (member of Regional Flood Defence Committee as well).

Region – to include Isles of Scilly and Lundy. Mention BANES.

#### 3. Natural England rep

All agreed that NE rep would be useful. **LJ to talk to Phil Collins (area manager)**.

#### 4. Links to Wetland Vision

CR explained the England Wetland Vision approach, looking at producing an inspirational, map-based planning tool for wetland development for England. The partnership is made up of EN, EA, RSPB and the Wildlife Trusts. **Action: CR to send out EWV brochures, and send Carrie Howard's details to LS.**

#### 5. Implementation of SW BIP

Can wetland element of Nature Map be extracted? Could get Gavin Saunders to pull them out.

LS said that this could be done, but resources would be needed to support this. LJ thought they may be able to come from WFD source. **LJ to find out.** Explore how wetland vision, WfW and WFD can link up.

AMP is looking at moving away from funding designated sites. Need potential wetland projects identified by 2007 for inclusion in PR09 process.

MR said that identifying how wetland projects are currently funded will help to show how projects can be funded for the future. Should also include existing projects with timescales. Also need to identify criteria for identifying potential projects – **CR to put criteria together and circulate.**

LJ mentioned that EA has a European Funding project officer, Donna Sibley.

#### 6. Priorities for WfW meeting

Developing idea for larger scale projects. Need to ensure that they are under correct headings e.g. species-based, river and land-owner / farmer advisory and landscape scale projects.

#### 7. AOB and date of next meeting

14<sup>th</sup> March 2007, 11am to 12.30 at the Devon WT, **LS to confirm.**