



Notes of the Steering Group Meeting 14 August 2018

Chair – Jon Stewart (NT), Note taker – Suzanne Fletcher (PDNPA).

Attendees – Felicite Dodd (NE) & Mark Haslam (EA)

Apologies – Tim Allen, Tim Birch

1. Updates

- a. **Vision update** - soft launch & farm walk feedback.
Please see the attached email from FD. The priority of expanding species rich habitat along the lines of the NE opportunity mapping was reaffirmed. The WP Pilot Ideas include both the expansion of high quality habitats but also seeks to address connectivity across the plateaux where there is a need.
Action FE - to recirculate the habitat opportunities map and report. Also for NE to produce a highlights/summary of the report which incorporates some of the key thoughts in the email and Pilot Ideas paper.
Action SLF - to send landscape maps from farm walk.
- b. **Cultural capital pilot** – TA has advised that he has a copy of the draft report and he will seek permission to share this with the Steering Group. **Action TA.**
- c. **Brexit T&FG** – The WP Pilot Ideas was submitted to Defra on the pro forma provided in June. A Defra tests, trials & pilots group has been established to consider the submissions of which there are around 100. So far Defra has agreed to support the continuation of the national pilots - Payment by results pilot (Yorkshire Dales National Park) and the two Pioneer pilots. There seems to be an initial focus on the testing/trailing of Whole Land Management Plans. It was agreed that the draft Brexit consultancy brief would be revised and that the WP Brexit T&F Group would be reconvened to finalise (SF, Dan Abrahams, JS, John Davis, Keiron Hudson). Also that SLF would approach the Defra contact re how we might work with Defra and progress the further development of ideas. Action SLF.
- d. **Project T&FG** - Strategic approach for the Projects identified at the November 2017 WPP workshop is being led by DWT. **Action TB** – to confer with JS and provide update for the next meeting.
- e. **Bids**
 - i. WEG for the Wye submitted by PDNPA – decision due in September/October.
 - ii. Trees outside Woodlands submitted by the Woodland Trust with the White Peak being one of the 7 project areas.
 - iii. Ravine Woodlands scoping bid submitted by NE.
 - iv. Plantlife HLF bid with DWT leading for the WP has been submitted.



- f. National Trust land purchases - Greensides Farm near Buxton and land at Highfields, Stoney Middleton have recently been purchased. **Action JS** to share details with the group.
- g. Review and agree Action Plan – carry forward from previous meeting – **Action TB.**
- h. WP Advice co-ordination event – Sarah Bird has sent an invite out for Wednesday 26th September 2018 for a training day for farm advisors in the White Peak area. It was agreed that if possible the venue should be on a farm, venue costs to be covered by the PDNPA, lunch and refreshments by EA. There was a discussion about the draft agenda. **Action SLF** to email draft agenda as discussed to the group for any further ideas and approval., hosted by the Peak District National Park Authority of behalf of the White Peak Partnership. Details of the day to follow shortly. There was an ask for all to ensure that the invite has been sent to all advisers active in the WP – **Action All.**

2. Steering Group membership review

- a. Community - as the WPP had come together with a focus of addressing land management and loss of habitat issues it was agreed that this focus should remain. Also that it would be important for any projects involving the community to include them. It was agreed to test this approach with community leads at PDNPA. **Action SLF.**
- b. Land management representative – it was agreed that this should be explored **Action SLF** - to talk to Andrew Critchlow
- c. NPMP Advisory Group (AG) – following the request from the NPMPAG it was agreed that Jon Stewart who is on the NPMPAG would be the lead individual representative for the WPPSG. **Action JS** – to confirm with the NPMPAG.
- d. Peak District Local Access Forum (PDLAF) – there has been a request for the PDLAF to have a representative on the Steering Group. As for a above it was agreed that the focus of addressing land management and loss of habitat issues should remain. It was agreed that a PDLAF representative could be invited to join the wider partnership and would certainly need to be involved in any project group involving access. **Action JS** - to invite PDLAF to join the WPP (Edwina Edwards).

3. Date and location of next meeting

- a. Dates of next meeting – **Friday 21 September.** Venue – DWT? Chair PDNPA, Note taker DWT. Agenda items to include – What's next?

Note takers/chair – in alphabetical order: DWT, EA, HE, NE, NT, PDNPA