

Wetland BIG Meeting

Thursday 21st January 2010

Action Points/notes

Present:

Alastair Burn, Natural England (Abu)
Helen Moggridge, Natural England (HM)
Iain Diack, Natural England (ID)
Carrie Hume, WWT (CH)
Andy Brown, Natural England (AB)
Nick Droy, RSPB (ND)
Ann Skinner, Environment Agency (AS)
Phil Burston, RSPB (PB)
Jen Heathcote, English Heritage (JH)

1. Bringing Reedbeds to Life project.

- I. Project info onto Wetland Vision website (RSPB to do this?)
- II. Nick and Carrie to discuss inclusion of WWT LWC in reedbed audit and as part of comms process
- III. Nick to consider Bat Cons Trust as member
- IV. Nick to add W BIG members to his network for the project
- V. Alastair to convene a small group (including Nick, Andy Br, Iain D) to consider need and develop proposals for similar audit process for other wetland habitats

2. Integrated Biodiversity Delivery Areas (IBDAs)

- I. Helen P to send ABu / Helen M spp data from Wildlife Trusts
- II. ABu and ID to redraft wetland areas on receipt of that data. To include catchments for selected key river floodplains.
- III. HM to consult BIG over comms plan for Regional engagement in IBDA consultation / workshops
- IV. HM and ABu clarify reasons for inclusion (potential or existing)

3. Workstreams:

A. Guiding and assisting delivery

- I. CW to ask regions what they really want from BIG

First step in integration – BIG member allocated to each WV area as follows:

ABr-Fens
ABu – Humberhead Levels
AS – Somerset Levels
ID – Meres and Mosses
PB – Lyth/Morecambe

B. Communications

- I. Workstream lead to add TAB to W Vision website

- II. CH to provide WCLink logo
- III. ALL provide info on what we'd like to go on the website to Jen H and HM asap
- IV. JH and HM to meet Feb to agree on website content
- V. Ann S to provide links to initiatives in Wales.

C. Funding:

- I. Phil B to coordinate initial work of the BIG in developing LIFE bid
- II. ALL (esp ABu, HP, AS, PB, CH, JH) to contact ASAP funding leads in our organisations to explain what we plan to do jointly, seek clarification of how our respective funding leads might be able to help and work collaboratively in developing a bid, and feed back to PB.

AOB:

- I. ABu provide info to all on National Ecosystem Assessment work to date
- II. ABu provide further info on Ecological Networks Review