

The White Peak Partnership

Steering Group meeting

10:00 Friday 15 March 2019 at Peak District National Park Authority, Aldern House

Minutes

Introductions & apologies

Attendees:

Tim Allen (TA) - Historic England (HE) - Chair

Sarah Bird (SB) - Secretariat

Suzanne Fletcher (SLF) - Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA)

Mark Haslam (MH) - Environment Agency (EA)

Neil Rudge (NR) - Natural England (NE)

Marion Andrews (MA) - Natural England (NE)

Kieron Huston (KH) - Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT)

Andrew Critchlow (AC) - National Farmers Union (NFU)

Jon Stewart (JS) - National Trust (NT)

Minutes from the last meeting

Minutes from the last meeting accepted as true. Actions from the last meeting have been completed with the exception of

- **KH** to find original project proposal submissions and send to SB.
- **KH** to send DerwentWISE project data to TA and SB via WeTransfer or similar, and project report to all.
- **SB** to send round website link. **All** to check and provide feedback.
- Actions for DA to carry over as not present.

Update: Historic England Walls Pilot report now on website, TA has sent link.

Update: Email/ newsletter template part completed. **SB** to send round for comment once complete.

Action: **SB** to circulate projects spreadsheet.

Action: **MA** to go through spreadsheet and add Diffuse Water Pollution Plan to 'Existing work' column where appropriate.

Water vulnerability mapping

Document available on the day: confidential first draft vulnerability map at 1:250 scale.

EA have been working on this using existing data, including slope, mining soughs, private water supply, mineral vein, springs, sinks, drinking water catchments, SSSI, rivers. Soil thickness and detailed land use are all that is missing at the moment.

Action: **All** to send any ideas on soil thickness and land use data to MH.

Red shows high vulnerability, yellow medium and green low. This needs explaining on the final product.

Second draft will try to work to a 1:100 scale.

Action: **MH** and **MA** to meet to discuss overlap with the Diffuse Water Pollution Plan, other data that can feed in and potential NE funding.

Action: **MH** to send **MA** updated GIS sub-catchment boundaries.

Agreed this would be a tool for organisations to use to focus their work and advice, for example through Catchment Sensitive Farming and granting planning permission. It could be used as part of the Defra White Peak test as part of testing local prioritisation. The product would probably not be suitable for use by farmers, as may give the impression that they don't need to worry about diffuse pollution in green areas.

Ravine woodland LIFE bid

Update: Has had a positive response so far, but waiting for result of Brexit.

Defra ELMS Tests, Trials & Pilots – White Peak test & trial

Documents available on the day: Defra policy questions, PDNPA policy questions, confidential draft of completed Pro Forma; draft NCA summary 'ready reckoner'; confidential trial site.

The White Peak test not has a new Project Officer from Defra, was Eifion Jones, now Jane Stewart. Is leading on White Peak (PDNP), Exmoor and North York Moors.

Update: The proposed outputs of the White Peak test and trial in response to the Defra policy questions will be:

- A National Character Area (NCA) framework (developed a summary version for land managers, updated with reference to 25YEP and current language of public goods). Has been soft tested with the PD Land Managers Forum Brexit sub-group. All liked the concept and had no negative comments on format or language so far.

Action: All to check NCA summary 'ready reckoner' and provide any feedback to SB.

- Can the NCA approach be used to prioritise public goods.
- How can the NCA approach be used by farmers and land managers to show the public goods they are delivering (i.e. via a Land Management Plan).
- Simple ready reckoners for land managers to use to decide the public goods they are proposing to deliver; carbon and business budget.

Update: SLF has circulated a draft brief contract for the carbon budget ready reckoner.

Action: All to send comments back to SLF.

- A trial on a discrete land holding in the White Peak to trial intervention/ non-intervention to create Nature Recovery Networks and increase SSSI resilience. Location and details of works confidential at the current time to protect land owner confidentiality.

Action: All to feed in to SLF and SB any other potential trials that can feed in to Defra. Must be complete before **26/03/2019** so they can be included in the Pro Forma that is being presented in April and inform the Defra pilot.

Comment MA: Need to consider how the options suggested in the Diffuse Water Pollution Plan link to any options included in the trial(s).

Action: All to feed in to SLF and SB any other information that needs to feed in to the tests and trial(s).

SB will attend a meeting with all other tests and trials participants on 20/03/2019 in London.

Project being taken to PDNPA Strategic Leadership Team on 26/03/2019.

SLF and SB Teleconference with Defra Project Officer on 26/03/2019 to go through completed Pro Forma.

Completed Pro Forma used by Defra Project Officer to present to panel on 03/04/2019.

Endangered Landscapes Programme – Project Innovation Grant open

Update: PDNPA not eligible to apply. Application window too small to consult with any other interested parties and work up an EoI.

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust EoI has been submitted. Potentially working with other local Wildlife Trusts.

Action: NR to liaise with DWT (Tim Birch and Jo Smith) for further update and to view EoI.

Proposed that White Peak should develop a project that might be suitable for this in the future.

Date, location & chair of next meeting – (Chair in order: DWT, EA, HE, NE, NT, PDNPA)

Next Steering Group meeting **09:30 Wednesday 5th June 2019**, Library at PDNPA Aldern House.

Action: **JS** to chair the meeting on behalf of NT.

Carry forward items from agenda not covered in this meeting.