

Minutes of meeting – Wye Catchment Partnership (WCP)

Date: 17.4.24

Time: 9.30-2.30pm

Meeting: The Swan, Hay on Wye, HR3 5DQ

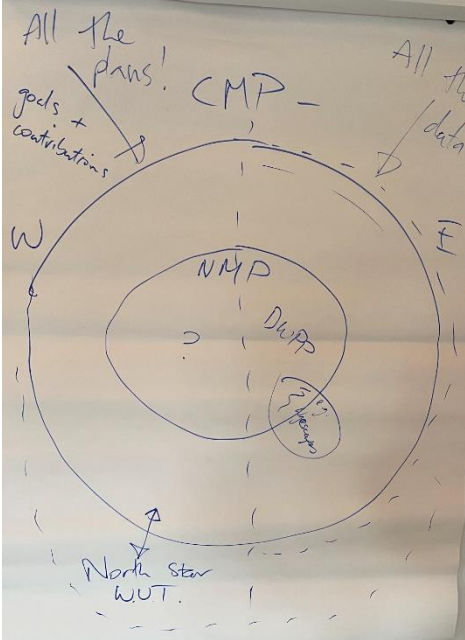
Apologies: Tony Norman (The Leen), Jamie Audsley (Herefordshire Wildlife Trust), Richard Tyler (Save the Wye), Joe Haseley (Duchy of Cornwall), Gwen Price (Farming Connect), Andy Inkpen (Rotary District), Merry Albright (HCILG)

*Task & Finish Group – T & F group

Item	Actions/Update	Lead	Due
1.	Welcome & introductions David Revill (Interim Chair)		
2.	<p>Update from last meeting (24.1.24) [Chair]</p> <p>1. Governance – Chair and Vice Chair recruitment Update from Andrew McRobb (Chair of the Recruitment T&F group – members: Andrew McRobb, Andrew Blake, Kath Pyke) The ‘Chair Recruitment Pack’ document outlining the recruitment process had been circulated in advance of the Partnership meeting. The Partnership approved the process for the Task & Finish Group to move forward as outlined in this document. Noted: Role description to include Welsh language considerations</p> <p>The additional role of Vice Chair was approved. Application for this role is by registering interests with the WCP admin. A list of nomination(s) will be taken to the next Partnership meeting for approval by vote</p> <p>Action: Task & Finish Group to move forward with recruitment of the Chair with the person in place for the next Partnership meeting 10.7.24. People interested in Vice Chair role to register interest via the WCP admin.</p> <p>Recruitment link and application timeline will be posted on WCP website & link sent to Partnership to help circulate</p> <p>2. Funding – Finance update 24.25 (Simon Evans Wye and Usk Foundation) No funding secured at time of meeting. Update 18.4.24 - Environment Agency WEIF funding offer for £15,000 received by the host, the Wye and Usk Foundation, inviting application by 22.5.24. This leaves a shortfall for the reduced budget set at £25,257. SE will continue to explore additional funding options</p>	<p>Task & Finish Group</p> <p>WCP admin</p> <p>SE</p> <p>Wye Usk Foundation submit application</p>	<p>10.7.24</p> <p>May 24</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>22.5.24</p>

<p>3.</p>	<p>Project/plan updates:</p> <p>1. Wye Catchment- Map of Partnership Projects – Pat Stirling – Work now completed by T & F Group to set up Wye Catchment Project Areas & Funding Map</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: Call out to partners to update/ add projects to the Catchment map • For more information – see the website summary HERE. This includes how to directly add your own project or update it using the website button ‘Click here to contribute... ‘ Submitted projects will go through a light vetting process before inclusion on the map. • Data from the map shows the value of projects under delivery at £3.75 million using grant funding <p>2. Wyescapes Landscape Recovery Update & other collaborative projects – Presentation Farm Herefordshire - Kate Speke-Adams, Managing Director, Steve Klenk & Max Eckert (Programme Manger Wyescapes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See attached pdf of presentation with minutes. <p>3. Courthauld Collective Action Project – Ben Nott, Agricultural Supply Chain Lead - Wye & Usk Foundation - See attached pdf of presentation with minutes.</p> <p>Other Plans and projects– High level project updates from the floor</p> <p>4. Natural England – Sally Green – Farmscoper - An updated draft version of the farmscoper report is available – see attached full report and ‘key messages’ short document attached with the minutes. The final report will be published in May/June 24</p> <p>5. Environment Agency – Emma Whitehouse – Two reports available: Water Resources West, Water Resources Catchment Output which will be circulated to the Partnership separately. More information here ‘A Summary of England’s revised draft regional and water resources’ management plans</p> <p>6. North Star Transition- Jyoti Banerjee – Producing Transformation Plan – how to make the Wye Catchment regenerative through a catchment investment programme - see website</p>	<p>All - See link</p> <p>All - See attached pdf of slides</p> <p>All - See attached pdf of slides</p> <p>All – See 2 x attached Farmscoper documents</p> <p>Emma Whitehouse, Environment Agency</p>	<p>April 24 & then review quarterly</p> <p>May 24</p>
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<p>4.</p>	<p>Project/Research updates</p> <p>Soil and Citizen Science – Andrew McRobb – Friends of the River Wye – Presentation - Mud Spotter – New app in development - See attached pdf of presentation with minutes</p> <p>Protecting Shad, Salmon and Sea Trout (PSSST) - Dr David Clarke, Swansea University – Presentation not currently available. Information on volunteer opportunities will be circulated to Partnership</p> <p>Wye Algal Project (WAP) and SOIL (Solving Intractable Land Use Issues) – Simon Evans – Wye & Usk Foundation – Presentation not currently available.</p> <p>The Wye Algal Project is determining why the ecology of Wye is indicating excessive nutrients are in the water when the statutory monitoring suggests that nutrient levels OK. It has shown that there are hundreds of different algal and cyanobacterial (blue green algae) species that all have defined nutrient, light and flow requirements and that we need to think beyond phosphate (which is monitored) and look to reduce all the forms of phosphorus and nitrogen in the water.</p>	<p>All - See attached pdf of slides</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Understanding the Wye: Systems mapping and modelling Outcomes of modelling - Results plus Q & A</p> <p>- Dr Brendan Bromwich, Technical Principal – Systems Thinking, Mott Macdonald</p> <p>Brendan provided an update on Phase 1 & Phase 2 of the modelling project (October 23-March 24) -agreed at the Partnership meeting on 4.10.23.</p> <p>Presentation on modelling of interventions and different scenarios in the Catchment. Information from the Systems Approach will help inform the revised Catchment Management Plan (CMP)</p> <p>- See attached pdf of presentation handouts with minutes</p>	<p>All - See attached pdf of handouts</p>	

	<p>Action: Mott Macdonald will hold a follow up Webinar for further discussion on 8th or 9th May – details to be confirmed</p>	<p>Mott MacDonald</p>	<p>26.4.24</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Wye Catchment Management Plan - Revision of 2019 plan Update by Pat Stirling – Citizen Science</p> <p>A Task and Finish Group has been set up to coordinate the revision and meets via Teams every 2 weeks. Draft plan due June 24.</p> <p>Contact WCP admin if you would like to join this group or contribute to the documents on the shared workspace.</p> <p>The 'donut' diagram shows how plans roughly interact. Defra Wye Action Plan covers England side. Diffuse Water Pollution Plan (DWPP) is the England side of the Nutrient Management Plan (NMP). Not clarified who is producing the NMP on the Wales side nor who is producing the equivalent Defra Wye Action Plan on the Wales side.</p>  <p>Still need to clarify how other plans & strategies align including Herefordshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS Plans).</p> <p>Tasks for CMP Task & Finish Group: (to be completed end of May/start of June. Draft plan produced from this information by June 24)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set goals for the 5 driving metric areas for the CMP • Establish how far the various plans & projects listed in the diagram can meet these • As a result of the above two tasks, for each driving metric define the "gap" between where we are headed based on current plans and where we want to be • Identify options to close those gaps (starting with the Mott Macdonald projections, but adding further detail as these only project against a subset of metrics) • Ensure that the "guardrail metrics" that were captured in the WCP in Jan are defined and respected by the options 	<p>CMP Task & Finish Group Ongoing</p>	<p>Draft Plan June 24</p>

	<p>selected i.e. sense check against e.g. farm incomes, greenhouse gases)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work out how to commute this into a plan by sub-catchment area (current thoughts 6 sub-catchments) • Next meeting Task & Finish Group - 13/5/24 		
<p>8.</p>	<p>Date/location of next Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steering Group Meetings: 7.5.24, 8/8/24, 14/11/24 (via Teams) - Partnership meetings – 10th July, 16th October –venue tbc 		