

## **Task Group for Trees, Woods and Forest Biodiversity**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

**Carr's Lane Church Centre, Birmingham**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

#### **1. Attendance:**

**Amanda Pearce** (NE, seconded to FC), **Chris Hastie** (Warks DC), **Andy Grundy** (Heartwoods), **Stefanie Wickison** (Staffs CC), **Bill Heslegrave** (FC), **Tony Fleming** (English Heritage), **Chris Hogarth** (Natural England), **David Lovelace** (Woolhope Dome AW project), **Simon Barker** (National Trust), **Sara Roberts** (RFF Delivery Plan), **Jeff Edwards** (WMBP Coordinator), **Helen Woodman** (Worcs WT), **Justin Milward** (Chair, Woodland Trust).

#### **Apologies:**

**David Jam** (Deer Initiative), **Alan Preece** (Dudley BC), **Francis Flanagan** (Worcs CC LBAP), **Rachel Elliot** (Herefordshire Council), **Martin Sutton** (Telford & Wrekin BC).

#### **2. Minutes of meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

- Section 5, item 1 – SR should be SB (Simon Barker).
- Otherwise all accurate.

#### **3. Workshop on Wood Pasture, Parkland and Ancient Trees**

Held on same day as this meeting: separate feedback. Hence short Task Group meeting followed, as set out below.

#### **4. Best Practice Exemplar**

- Andy Grundy's draft exemplar case study paper was commended: it was felt that most case studies would probably only incorporate first five pages and photos, and not the very detailed financial data.
- There is the issue of resources: Andy agreed to load his case study onto the Heartwoods' website and cost out the time involved.
- We need four case studies to start off with.

**ACTION:** All to submit brief proposals for case studies to Gaynor Birbeck – [gaynor.birbeck@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:gaynor.birbeck@forestry.gsi.gov.uk) .

#### **5. Review of Woodland Targets**

- A WM regional split of the national Native Woodland HAP target is needed early next year by the Data & Monitoring Group for RSS Phase 3 Review.

- Jeff Edwards agreed to put together a short paper to the Woodland Targets 'Sub-Group' (JM, JE, SB, DL. Judith Webb was also to be invited) on (a) the issues and (b) the LBAP's position.
- It was highlighted that orchards and hedgerows ought not to be forgotten, as no other group is going to pick them up.

**ACTION:** JE to do paper and circulate to Task Group members

## **6. AOB**

- Amanda Pearce has been seconded to FC from NE, to cover for Simon West during his 6 month secondment to AWM.
- The next meeting of the WM Woodland & Forestry Forum is to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

## **7. Next meeting**

- Agreed that it should be held in 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Jan 2008 – date to be canvassed with circulation of these Minutes.

**ACTION:** All to respond to Minutes ([gaynor.birbeck@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:gaynor.birbeck@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)) with date preference.