

**10am Thursday 19th November 2009
 Idle Valley Rural Learning Centre, Lound.**

Present:

Janice Bradley (Chair)	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust (NWT)
Rebecca Brunt	Environment Agency (EA)
Chris Comerie (Minutes)	Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC)
Nick Crouch	Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC)
Louise Fleetwood	Forestry Commission (FC)
Deanne Gow	British Waterways (BW)
Caroline Harrison	Natural England (NE)
Chris Jackson	Nottinghamshire Biodiversity Action Group (BAG)
Karyn Stander	Sherwood Forest Trust (SFT)

1. Apologies

Adrienne Bennett (Forestry Commission), Kia Besh (Mansfield District Council), Julia Gallagher (RSPB), Tristan Gallently (Forestry Commission), Lesley Sharpe (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group), Mark Waller (Centre Parcs), Nick Wort (Greenwood Community Forest), Sheila Wright (Nottingham Natural History Museum).

2. Previous Minutes

In the previous minutes it was erroneously put that £30,000 made available by Sherwood Forest Trust for the landscape scheme for Sherwood was less than in the past, it is in fact the same amount as in previous years.

The actions from the previous meeting were discussed.

Actions 1, 4, 6, 7 are part complete or due imminently, 9, 10 are completed.

Actions 2, 3, 5, 8 are ongoing.

3. Update on UKBAP

CJ reported that at his last regional meeting of the East Midlands Biodiversity Partnership, Julian Small from Natural England had presented his thoughts of how Natural England's methodology for implementing England's Biodiversity Framework would be delivered. The idea is to create a number of Integrated Biodiversity Areas across England and target resources in these areas to help to create areas of biodiversity excellence. The BAP habitats would be managed, restored and created to create 'hot spots' and areas in which BAP species could thrive and disperse to the wider countryside. The strategy does not state how many IBAs would be created and also does not make it clear if the resources to do this would be new resources or not. IBAs would be designated with expert advice from the BIGs and national species specialists and would look to highlight natural areas where the largest number of habitats and species could benefit. An initial map illustrated that three areas in the East Midlands had been highlighted as potential IBAs - Charnwood, Sherwood Forest and the White Peak in the Peak District. Various members of the EMBP stated their worries with this process which it was felt would focus on localities

in the extremes of England and ignore the Midlands (these are the areas where species are on the edges of their ranges and therefore support more BAP species). In addition the IBA strategy seemed to be ignoring high profile issues such as Climate Change.

CJ had also attended a future of LBAP's meeting in York during October where this process had once again been highlighted. The landscape scale strategy would be the way forward but it sounded as though there was still no clarity in the detail – however at this meeting it sounded as though resources for this new approach would be from existing monies redirected as a result of HLS/ELS funding being directed towards IBA's and encouraging major national funding bodies such as HLF, SITA and BIFFA to fund the IBA's. Again this was a very worrying development.

JB stated that it has taken a long time for Natural England to move their focus away from SSSIs to looking at wider countryside issues, and it was frustrating that it seemed that their strategy is now being revised by focussing on a handful of areas, where the majority of money and resources will be targeted, leaving the wider countryside to decline and a large number of species overlooked.

JB continued that it is not clear what the consultation process will be for the IBAs and this needs clarification, as it is local partners on the ground who will be delivering the work, as is the case now.

JB felt that it may be worthwhile contacting Julian Small on behalf of the partnership to clarify a few details with respect to the IBA's approach and to voice the partnership's concerns. It may also be worthwhile the partnership highlighting the benefits of funding Sherwood as one of the IBA's.

JB concluded that the crucial thing from the partnership's point of view is to access more information on Natural England's strategy as the partnership doesn't want to see money concentrated on a few pockets throughout the county with none left for the rest.

CH announced that Brian Dunning is leading on the Sherwood Pioneer Project as part of his role with Natural England. This may have a bearing on the IBA's and it may be worthwhile finding out more.

Whilst in York, CJ had also attended the UKBAP Conference. He stated that the conference had been very useful with some useful contacts gained. Examples included contacts from PTES (Anita Burrough) who are leading on the work for the UKHAP for Orchards; CJ had made good contacts with the new BARS review team and met people from JNCC who will be working on the BARS website updates. In addition CJ had met someone (Vicki Morgan, JNCC) from the UKHAP group for rivers who were in the process of finalising the criteria for defining UKBAP river habitats.

As for the presentations that were given at the UKBAP conference the highlight was a presentation given by Pavan Sukhdev, from the UNEP's 'Green Economy' initiative. The presentation talked about the work being undertaken to put an economic value on biodiversity and to use this information to help international government to illustrate the importance of ecological services in sustainable growth for the planet. Pavan Sukhdev is the TEEB Project study leader and was presenting some of his findings after he had addressed the UK Government. The TEEB report provides international evidence of ecosystem services.

NC followed on that he found the report to be useful.

CJ also learnt that Natural England were looking to place on their website a national report on the value of ecosystem services at the end of October called Valuing Biodiversity.

Action 1: CJ to pass Julian Small's (Natural England) contact details to JB.

Action 2: KS to contact Brian Dunning and feedback to the group about what is happening with the Sherwood Pioneer Project being led by Natural England.

Action 3: NC to circulate throughout the partnership a link to the TEEB report and CJ to search for the Natural England report on ecosystem services 'Valuing Biodiversity' and circulate.

4. Update on Notts HAPs and SAPs

JB reminded all that the deadline for updating HAPs is the end of November.

NWT are hoping to deliver their 4 updated HAP's by the end of the month or early in December.

CH informed the meeting that NE are currently working on 2 HAPs for which last year's figures for ELS/HLS will provide a baseline for future performance and provide accurate figures for targets.

DG commented that the HAP she is working on just needs a few tweaks to the text and some consideration with regards to the targets and actions and it will be finished shortly.

KS informed that due to being busy working on HLS she would probably miss the deadline. KS wanted to know if the targets for acid grassland should be updated from those created in 2006.

CJ responded that the original targets should be kept for now with new targets set when the new LBAP mapping layers would help with targets setting later in 2010.

JB suggested that that the main body of text and background information should be updated for relevancy but the targets should remain the same for now but the partnership will be in a better position next year to review targets.

CJ advanced that SAPs should be left for now with the emphasis being on the HAPs.

LF briefed that comments have been made within FC on the replacement of the coniferous woodland HAPs with the consensus being that the HAP is still required. FC argued that coniferous woodland was an important part of Nottinghamshire's landscape and was here to stay and as such its wildlife resource needed to be recognised.

CJ stated that coniferous woodland is seen as a key wildlife habitat but that various important species were associated with this resource and that rather than have a habitat focus on this habitat the LBAP should be in line with the UKBAP in this case and identify the species of importance that use the coniferous woodland resource and recognise their importance by producing a grouped SAP for species associated with Coniferous woodlands in Nottinghamshire.

LF continued that work on the three FC led HAP's has been put on the backburner due to budgetary pressures and that AB who has been working on the HAP's is on leave until the end of December. Everything has been put on hold due to the budget and the forthcoming election, although she will discuss with Andy Powers as to whether there should continue to be a HAP for the coniferous woodland habitat or if there is potential for alternative ways forward.

CJ and JB suggested that it would be best if Andy Powers could come to a meeting in person so that this issue could be decided once and for all. Both would look to contact AP to discuss this issue.

RB announced that the rivers and streams HAP would be completed by December and that she is just checking the content of it with her colleagues.

CJ inform all present that the UK HAP group for rivers and streams has been looking at qualifying features for suitable rivers habitat at the UKBAP level. CJ had discussed this at the UKBAP conference and currently it looked as though no Nott's rivers qualified although it may be that some may qualify once the UKBAP had set the threshold for number of UKBAP species present on a watercourse as one of the final qualifying points.

JB followed that some of the rivers in the county should qualify as there are a good amount of BAP species present in them such as water voles, brook lamprey and white-clawed crayfish.

CJ stated that there was no reason why the LBAP partnership could not create its own criteria for Rivers and streams if none of the county's rivers met the UKBAP criteria.

Julia Gallagher had informed CJ that there has been no further progress with the two HAP's she is working on but it will be done.

Similarly Lesley Sharpe informed that there has been no further progress with the hedgerow and Ditch HAP's to date. Having been to the UKHAP groups Hedgerow Conference LS was keen to try to lead a funding bid for a hedgerow survey grant in Nott's in 2010.

JB and KS were keen to support the bid and KS would contact LS to discuss this more.

CH offered to supply HLS figures for the hedgerows if LS wants them for the HAP.

EH has nearly finished the draft urban HAP which he is due to send to CJ by the end of December.

NC stated that the draft Open Mosaic Habitat on Previously Developed Land HAP is nearing completion with the targets currently being reviewed. The HAP will not include a target to create any new OMHPDL habitat.

CJ informed all that at the UKBAP conference the representative from the people's trust for protected species was mapping traditional orchards nationally and it may be possible that the BAG could work with her in 2010 to ground truth some of the PTES mapping work.

JB suggested that NWT may be able to get NWT members and volunteers to get involved with the mapping via the NWT newsletter.

Action 4: CJ and JB to see if they can get a definitive answer from Andy Powers on the Planted Coniferous Woodland HAP.

Action 5: All lead partners to complete the HAP updates by the end of December.

Action 6: CJ to discuss with LS if she would like CH's HLS data and if so pass the information on.

5. LBAP Reporting

CJ informed the meeting that the draft NWT LBAP habitat mapping layer is nearly complete with just Attenborough and Idle Valley reserves need to be mapped.

NC has been unable to progress further with the NCC layer due to work commitments though the layer is a long way on its way to completion.

The Rushcliffe BC layer of site boundaries has been completed and CJ is now working on the LBAP habitat layer.

CJ has not found time to map the habitats for Center Parcs but this is in his work plan.

CJ has a meeting arranged with Michael Copleston (RSPB) in December where he will be looking to discuss the mapping of the RSPB sites at Langford and Beckingham.

A draft LBAP habitat layer is complete for Clumber Park and will be sent to the National Trust for comment in the near future.

CJ will not be approaching the Forestry Commission until he has completed LBAP habitat layers for other BAG partners.

With regards to county wide layers of LBAP habitat type's progress has been slow due to the lack of resources available to BAG. The canal layer is complete and the calcareous grassland layer is close to completion. A LBAP habitat layer for reedbed is being worked on by the LRC and CJ, and a volunteer is currently mapping the woodland resource by using SINC and Ancient Woodland data. A mapped heathland layer is being left currently as CJ has been told by Steve Clifton that this might be a product of the NE led Sherwood climate change study.

OPAL are conducting a national worm and lichen surveys and a heathland project in the East Midlands for which a funding bid was submitted recently. CJ has provided a letter of support for the heathland aspect of the project which seeks to map some heathland sites in more detail.

CJ has also produced a letter of support for a funding bid for a mapping project being led by the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust. The mapping project was looking to use OS filed parcel data along with landsat information to build a better picture of BAP habitat distribution across the East Midlands. The data would be checked using local data sources (such as local LBAP mapping) and would be a source of information that could help inform BAP at all levels. It would provide a

possible source of new information identifying potentially good wildlife sites for LRC's.

JB commented that this will help with LBAP work for actions and targets on habitats.

In addition the national BARS system currently isn't working as a national reporting database as required and is now under review. Whilst this process is being undertaken the BAG partnership is looking for LBAP partners to report via an excel spreadsheet and this data will then be added to MapInfo based reporting system.

CJ passed around examples of the reporting spreadsheet. He detailed that the spreadsheet has a tab for each habitat in the LBAP document and has columns for site information and information about management, restoration, creation and loss. The spreadsheet is being kept as simple as possible for ease of use and will be circulated throughout the partnership in the near future.

KS questioned if a habitat should be put down as being actively managed if a management plan has been made for it.

CJ replied that maybe the date covered by the management plan should be recorded.

KS enquired as to what to put down regarding sites where a management plan has been created but no further information has been gained about the site.

JB answered that it may be good to set up new columns on the spreadsheet to distinguish between sites which have had a management plan produced and sites where management is being undertaken.

CJ concluded the agenda item by stating that at the UK BAP meeting there was a BARS surgery and a review of BARS led by Natural England is due to start soon (December 2009). This process will coincide with the day to day maintenance and development of the BAR's database being moved to JNCC. A Midlands workshop on BARS had been held on Tuesday 17th November to review BARS and offering LBAP partnerships a chance for comment on the current problems and potential of BARS. The main issues raised were, why if BARS is a national reporting system for biodiversity do national bodies not use the system for reporting, there is a need for better training for the BARS operators and LBAP partnerships and detail of how Natural England wish LBAP's to use the system, and that the system would work much better if it had a mapping component. As part of the review process Natural England will be sending around a questionnaire to all registered users of BARS, the review process is due to finish at the end of March 2010.

Action 7: CJ to circulate the reporting spreadsheet around the full partnership for comment.

6. LBAP list of species of Conservation Concern

CJ informed the group that Steve Clifton had contacted BAG to inform them that the report commissioned on the Sherwood population of hazel pot beetle had been completed. On the back of the report SC had offered to write a SAP for the LBAP partnership on this species. CJ felt that it would be wise for the partnership to take SC up on this offer. JB voiced her agreement that Steve should produce a SAP for Hazel Pot Beetle and the draft should be circulated for comment as per usual procedures. All agreed.

Action 8: CJ to contact SC to request that he goes ahead and produce a draft SAP for Hazel Pot Beetle.

7. Priority species/habitats

CJ informed all that the press releases with regards to hedgerow moths (small egg and scarce vapourer) had produced 10 responses. Unfortunately none of the responses were for either of these species but for the common vapour moth and some for other common moth species. The campaign has raised the profile of the importance of sympathetically managed hedges for certain species of moths and other invertebrates. The promotional work on hedgerow moths has now come to an end, however Erin McDaid will be sending out a press release in the next few weeks on the importance of sympathetic hedgerow management.

JB reported that work is being done on their reserves on laying and gapping up hedgerows while applications are also being put in for hedgerow work through HLS on other reserves.

KS enquired if anymore is known within the partnership regarding a hedgerow survey funding bid from Defra.

CJ replied that Defra haven't had any survey's undertaken in intensively farmed arable areas and that they would be keen to see some in these areas. CJ believed that LS may be pursuing a funding bid for the Papplewick area as discussed in previous years.

JB mentioned that she is keen to see surveying take place in the Idle Valley as there are a several very species rich hedgerows present in the Valley, especially around Tilm and it is important to identify these when planning landscape-scale habitat creation.

CJ announced that £30,000 (£5,000 per application) is available in grants from the Defra pot at that and applications should be in by March 31st 2010. The grant could support projects undertaken with or without volunteer involvement.

CJ informed all that at the Hedgerow Conference the issue of the loss of hedgerow trees was highlighted. It has been estimated that if current loss of mature and semi mature trees continues with current low rates of replacement then many will soon be lost from our landscape. One survey suggested that the best place to plant new hedgerow trees was in the existing gaps in hedges.

KS declared that she is working on hedgerow management undertaking both planting up of hedgerow trees and gapping up.

CJ raised the issue of farmers no longer having time to manage their own hedges and bringing in contractors to cut and spray their hedgerows. As a result many hedges were being poorly managed with a less wildlife friendly regime. Information from the Hedgerow conference should be available on the Hedgelink website.

CJ moved on to discuss the priority habitat and species for 2010. The BAG Awareness subgroup requested that a final decision be made by the I&M subgroup. Ideas discussed at the Awareness subgroup meeting included water voles (could involve the collation of existing data and possibly re-surveying), a deer survey was

also put forward but as this isn't a UK BAP species CJ expressed that he wasn't keen on the idea, promotion of herons was also suggested.

JB questioned what was to be gained from focusing on herons as most of their population is already monitored by members of Notts Birdwatchers and the Ringing Groups.

CJ mentioned that polecats were another species put forward at the Awareness subgroup meeting.

JB said that NWT have records of polecat sightings coming in to John Ellis, as mammal recorder, which is great news.. CJ advocated that polecats would be a good species for publicity. KS asked if the partnership would like to do polecats when their population numbers are still quite low.

CJ suggest that hedgehogs could be a possibility as there is a possibility of surveying them in the county through work undertaken by Richard Yarnall.

LF stated that there are huge problems with the increasing deer population but that a positive slant could be put on this.

JB commented that the question for the partnership is what is wanted to be achieved by raising the profile of the chosen species.

LF continued that with deer there wouldn't be much recording done but the focus would be more on raising awareness.

CH advanced the case for water voles as they would be good for raising awareness as the legislation surrounding them has changed.

JB agreed with CH saying NWT would support doing water voles as 11 years has elapsed since the last county survey and there has been no systemic recording since, although lots of ad hoc records..

NC questioned how many members of the public would get involved in the survey.

JB thought that NWT could supply a number of volunteers and that water voles are a species for which people can learn to survey quite quickly, so training could be provided for members of the public..

CJ added that water voles could fit in with the rivers and streams HAP.

JB added that 6C funding is available for surveys and that the data could be put towards future projects.

JB related that records show patterns of water vole populations changing throughout the county with Nottinghamshire having potentially the largest water vole population in the East Midlands.

NC expressed concern that a water vole project may be over ambitious as to what could be gained from it.

RB countered that habitat creation or BAP gain may be a result of the project.

CJ reported that a similar project is being conducted in Derbyshire.

JB informed all that water voles had been previously suggested several years ago and that there was no reason why a priority species could not be a priority for two years, so that more could be achieved, particularly w.r.t habitat creation. In addition now would be a good time to do a survey.

KS noted that she would support doing some water vole work but at present had no specific budget for this.

JB put forth that an in group exchange take place on what partners have planned for next year and what could be added to that.

CJ suggested that a survey on the river Leen crayfish population be added to this.

NC commented that it would be good to choose orchards as a priority habitat as PTES are currently doing this nationally and BAG could help with this work.

KS added that there is also the orchard HAP which would be launched in 2010 and this could fit in with this.

CJ suggested that a lot of publicity could be obtained by doing water voles which would also focus on rivers and streams.

NC proposed that traditional orchards would be good a good habitat to generate public interest.

KS followed that this year marked the 200 year anniversary of the Bramley apple and that training could be arranged for orchard management.

CJ ended by saying that if the group were to go with orchards then PTES could be contacted to help to provide survey training.

Action 9: KS to contact LS to find out more about the potential for the BAG partnership to put in a bid to Defra's Hedgerow Survey Funding pot.

8. Other Priority work areas

JB informed the meeting that it had previously been agreed that work to create biodiversity mapping for the county should be worked on as a priority with a further aim of trying to create biodiversity opportunity mapping for the county. These layers could be overlain with species data. Currently CJ was working on creating base layers of LBAP habitat with the LRC.

At a regional level Natural England are working on regional opportunity mapping for biodiversity. CJ continued that Warren Priest from Natural England has recently requested local records centre data for BAP habitats to create an East Midlands opportunity map but the data isn't there at present due to the various stages that counties are at with regards to LBAP mapping work.

CJ followed on that Northampton has data available while Leicestershire isn't ready yet although their data could be passed onto Natural England and updated later, the deadline for getting data to Natural England is set for mid January.

JB questioned if the data isn't needed until mid January will there still be sufficient time for Natural England to meet their mapping deadline of the 31st of March.

CH advocated inviting Warren Priest from Natural England to give a progress report at the meeting scheduled for the 15th of April 2010.

JB advanced on this that Warren Priest could be invited along to the group's next meeting on the 14th of January to update on the progress of the mapping and a full discussion on this could be put on the agenda for the April meeting.

CJ divulged that over 300 records have been received so far for the Japanese Knotweed survey, 50% of which represent new records. At the Awareness subgroup meeting, the creation of a leaflet dealing with the identification and management of Japanese Knotweed was discussed and Linda Davey from the WI will be producing this with CJ.

For next year a survey on Himalayan Balsum will be conducted with the idea being to support local groups and compile records.

KS interjected that she is already working with friends of groups and land owners on this and gloves have been distributed to the aforementioned to aid with managing Himalayan Balsum.

RB mentioned that EA staff are recording all non native species on reporting sheets when they are out working. She is hoping that this information can be shared with BAG in the future.

Action 10: CJ to approach Warren Priest regarding an update on Natural England's mapping at either the January or April meetings of the sub group.

9. Future meetings - Speakers/topics of interest

CJ reported that Tom Worthington was available to give a presentation on the progress towards Burbot reintroduction at the April meeting but that David Holdich was also available to speak on crayfish in April too. CJ would try to get a speaker in for the January meeting and would arrange with David and Tom so that they could speak at future meetings (one of them in April). The next meeting was to be held at Centre Parcs and a walk around the site could be conducted after the meeting if there was enough interest.

Action 11: CJ to contact and organise possible speakers for future meetings.

10. Update on partner projects

Caroline Harrison – Natural England

The Nottingham gateway planning application has come through and casework is underway on this and applications for proposed wind farms and a flood elevation works in Attenborough. A SSSI Officer is to be appointed to replace Steve Clifton. Ruth Keeley will be starting in the role as Walking Your Way to Health Officer on the 23rd November.

Deanne Gow - British Waterways

During the last 6 months, British Waterways have been experiencing a restructure in which 120 staff have been laid off. DG team has had a change of structure to encompass a larger working area ranging from Coventry to the Tees barrage and from Boston to Stoke. The team has increased in size slightly to 5 people. Work is being undertaken on nationally reporting data for BARS.

Karyn Stander - Sherwood Forest Trust

The trust are finishing a higher level scheme for Nottinghamshire Golf Club (Hollinwell) working on heathland and grassland areas on the site at Robin Hood Hills (trying to reinstate grazing). In addition the golf club are looking to return 25 hectares of coniferous plantations to broadleaf woodland. On Thursday 26th November the Sherwood Habitats Forum takes place at Cuckney Cricket Club involving talks in the morning and a site visit around Thoresby in the afternoon.

Louise Fleetwood - Forestry Commission

A lot of work is being undertaken by FC on deer management to counter the damage caused by muntjac deer. On the FC's estate 98% of the sites designated as SSSI are now meeting their PSA targets. In 2010 FC will seek to begin trials with eucalyptus, with potential sites being assessed.

Rebecca Brunt - Environment Agency

A number of projects in partnership with NWT are well underway, including fencing work at Lound to allow cattle grazing of sections of the site, deposition of material at Besthorpe to help with the creation of reedbed, management of the washlands at Idle Valley to bring them back into a favourable condition and other works on the River Fleet. The overall results from the otter survey which began in April are also being compiled by Andy Crawford with feedback to BAG expected at some stage in the future. Anja Nonnenmacher will return from maternity leave on 30th November.

Chris Jackson - Nottinghamshire Biodiversity Action Group

The Bioblitz event has been set to be held at Rushcliffe Country Park with the main day on Sunday 18th July 2010. The BigBAG event is to be held at Idle Valley on the 28th of January 2010 which will look at the future of the BAG as well as at the last 10 years in which it has been operating. KS or Norma Saunders from SFT will be giving a talk on the implementation of the heathland HAP and a speaker from either the Rushcliffe or Broxtowe barn owl groups will feed back on progress made with respect to the Barn Owl SAP. A representative from the RSPB will be presenting on their reserves at Beckingham and Langford Lowfields, and JB will be talking about the landscape scale approach to nature conservation. To finish of the day a site visit around the Idle Valley Reserve is planned.

Nick Crouch - Nottinghamshire County Council

SITA Trust funding representing £35,000 has been secured for Ransom Heath and a further £25,000 of SITA Trust funding has been successfully applied for to manage the calcareous grassland sites at the Teversal Trails and Linby Trails on which work will commence this winter.

Janice Bradley - Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust

Contracts have been agreed upon for the Trent Vale landscape scale scheme (covering the Trent from Gainsborough to Newark) with a starting date in January. The project is currently recruiting 3 new posts (1 based at NWT). Trent Vale will involve a large amount of habitat improvement and community work some of which is already underway. A small conservation grant scheme to support these improvements will be available in the Trent Vale area. Funding has been secured from 6C money for the Erewash Valley. The bed and breakfast scheme for farm birds is going well with 10 new farms entered into the scheme. The blue butterfly scheme has recently been reviewed looking at what works and what doesn't and then trying to improve the process. Work is ongoing with friends of groups and local authorities.

11. Feedback from the Steering Group

CJ informed the group that the main items discussed by the Steering Group were LBAP mapping and the update of the LBAP document, all of which were covered earlier in the meeting. BAG funding was mentioned and CJ confirmed that funding from Broxtowe BC had been offered and that CJ would be following this up shortly. The steering group had received the usual update from CJ on his workload as Biodiversity Officer.

12. Feedback from the Awareness sub group

CJ informed the group that a date and venue for Bioblitz 2010 had been set. The event would be held at Rushcliffe Country Park with the main day focusing on Sunday 18th July and the day focused at schools to be held on Monday 19th July. The BigBAG event had been pushed back to January to avoid a possible clash with the Sherwood Habitats Forum.

13. Outstanding matters arising

None

14. AOB

KS informed the group that that she had recently heard that the funding for Greenwood has been cut by approximately £60,000. She was not sure of the current circumstances with respect to the project. NC said that he had heard similar information but was unsure to how this may affect the delivery of the Community forest's programme of work.

Action 12: NC to investigate the details of the cut to Greenwood's funding and feedback to the group.

15. Date of next meeting

10am Thursday 14th January (2010), Centre Parcs

10am Monday 12th April (2010), NWT Offices, The Old Ragged School

10am Tuesday 13th July 2010, NE Offices,

10am Thursday 14th October (2010), EA Offices, Trentside