



NATURAL ASSETS WORKING GROUP MINUTES
1pm 12/12/18
Tees Valley Wildlife Trust HQ

In attendance	Dave Askey, Stockton Borough Council; Martin Allen, independent ecologist; Graham Megson, Hartlepool Borough Council; Jeremy Garside, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust; Mike Leakey, INCA; Simon Blenkinsop, Middlesbrough Borough Council;
Chair	Philip Roxby, Darlington Borough Council
Secretariat	Rachel Murtagh; Tees Valley Nature Partnership

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
NA/01.04.18 Minutes and Matters arising	<p>Still outstanding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TVNP letter to NE - brought to our attention these LWS meet SSSI status 2. Terms of Reference for group circulated with these minutes 3. Suggested addition butterfly sp to LWS criteria list: Grayling; Dark Green Fritillary & small pearl-bordered Fritillary. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GM/RM to draft and send. 2. ALL to review and suggest amendments/approve 3. Maintain sp in 'Tees Valley List of Locally Important Species' review when LWS criteria is up-dated in the future.
NA/02.04.18 New sites, site amendments and potential sites	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) New LWS process - outstanding recommendations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Durham Tees Valley Airport reply from S'ton LPA not intending to designate. b) Lower Ormesby Beck, no written reply received. 2) Saltmarsh at Billingham Beck. ML believes INCA have conducted a habitat assessment on this site adjacent to private land 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) TVNP Steering grp. to consider further action. Recommendation from NAWG: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Letter from TVNP Chair that ERIC have been informed of recommendation as per process. b) Letter from TVNP Chair (request a reply from PLA?) 2) ML check data can be released as evidence in time for recommendation at March meeting.

	<p>3) Still outstanding: Potential LWS at the Six Fields Site in Stockton. New summer 2018 survey data.</p> <p>4) Review of Middlesbrough LWS' Review table; Review boundary plans</p>	<p>3) JG to look at this and historic record and make recommendation to group at next meeting.</p> <p>4) TVNP steering group to ratify suggested amendments & additions (as per new LWS designation criteria) RMM e-mail all TV LPA's recommending LWS are added to information given out in new property searches.</p>
<p>NA/03.04.18 Tees Valley Metrics for baseline/annual reporting. <i>Activity 3.2 in TVNP Business Plan</i></p>	<p>Briefing note with current and proposed national indicators. Use local metrics already collected.</p>	<p>NAWG propose TVNP officially adopts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LWS annual status currently reported to Defra. 2. Annual e.g. wildlife counts farmland birds – check with ERIC what could be used. 3. Biodiversity gain in planning (what exactly is this? Area of new GI??) 4. Public engagement – visits to 'green sites. Country Parks/Saltholm/Nature Reserves etc. Future automatic 'people counters' at selected sites. 5. Local Plan Open Space assessment.
<p>NA/04.04.18 Tees Valley data hub? <i>Activity 3.3 TVNP Business Plan</i></p>	<p>TVCA are looking at hosting a data hub. What are the group's recommendations regarding natural environment data?</p>	<p>NAWG recommends collaboration with ERIC. Need to promote importance in 2019 with development of Local Industrial Strategy & Natural Capital approach.</p>
<p>NA/05.04.18 Update on wider TVNP items</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. https://consult.defra.gov.uk/land-use/net-gain/ 2. TVNP Local Plan Assessment for Nature & Biodiversity. Darlington & Middlesbrough still to submit theirs 3. https://www.biodiversityinplanning.org/wildlife-assessment-check/ 4. Forthcoming Environment Bill 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NAWG to compile a TVNP response to the consultation. RM to gather input mid-January 2019 2. PR to complete Darlington's in 2019; RM to chase Charlton Gibben at Middlesbrough. RM re-load toolkit onto restored website. 3. Consensus not to promote further 4. Indication from RSWT that the first part will be published on 26/12/18

<p>NA/06.03.18 Biodiversity Opportunity Areas. <i>Activity 3.1</i> <i>TVNP Business Plan</i></p>	<p>Work in progress. Once TVWT sites added to East Cleveland maps will be ready.</p>	<p>RM – circulate East Cleveland statements for comment & maps when ready. RM Add list of ‘ancient meadows’ to statements. Await further funding to complete</p>
<p>NA/07.02.18 AOB</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single Data List reporting. 2. Google Earth has new set of aerial photos for our area 3. GM elected as Chair for 2019 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please forward to RM to publish on website 2. . 3. Thanks to PR for his contribution in 2017/18
<p>2019 Meeting dates:</p>	<p>6th March 12th June 21st June - Tees Nature Conference 11th September 11th December All meetings: 2pm TVWT meeting room, Margrove Park.</p>	

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