



**NATURAL ASSETS WORKING GROUP MINUTES**  
**2pm 12/09/18**  
**Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park**

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

| <b>Agenda Item</b>   | <b>Notes</b>  | <b>Action</b>   |
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| <b>NA/01.03.18</b><br><b>Minutes and Matters arising</b>                     | <a href="#">Natural Assets 11-6-18 Minutes</a>  | Thornaby road verge survey postponed to next season. Kirkleatham Business Park Pond <b>GM</b> to follow up with Ian Bond (INCA).<br><b>RM/PR</b> outstanding action to write TVNP letter to NE - brought to our attention these LWS meet SSSI status.   |
| <b>NA/02.03.18</b><br><b>Terms of reference of NA Working Group</b>          | Prioritise actions and simplify. Link to outputs in forth-coming TVNP Business Plan.  | <b>RM</b> to update and circulate for final comment. Once approved by group publish on TVNP website.<br><b>RM</b> once process/paper-work agreed send to all local authority Heads of Planning for comment. (please note they raised this at their meeting w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> March) Also bring to their attention outstanding proposals. |
| <b>NA/03.02.18</b><br><b>New sites, site amendments and potential sites:</b> | 1. Durham Tees Valley Airport: <a href="#">Statement of Common Ground Durham Tees Valley Airport</a> , Lower Ormesby Beck, verbal update only, tbc in writing from Planning Authority | 1. This matter has been referred to the TVNP Steering Group for consideration (next mtg. 19-09-18)<br>2. Chair to inform proposer of decision in writing. (Done RMM 18-09-18)<br>3. <b>JG</b> Gather data from historic and very recent survey results to determine GCN presence or not. <b>GM</b> to raise listing on HER (Historic        |

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|   | <p>2. Proposed LWS, Natures World. Agree site has merit however one year's butterfly data is not enough to demonstrate site 'regularly supports' populations as laid out in local criteria.</p> <p>3. Thornton Wood &amp; Pond LWS</p> <p>4. INCA suggested adding additional butterfly sp to LWS criteria list: Grayling; Dark Green Fritillary &amp; small pearl-bordered Fritillary.</p> | <p>Environment Record) with Tees Archaeology. Done confirmed on register 20-09-18.</p> <p>4. Potential LWS at the Six Fields Site in Stockton. New summer 2018 survey data. <b>JG</b> to look at this and historic record and make recommendation to group at December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.</p> <p>5. Saltmarsh at Billingham Beck brought to the group's attention by Cleveland Naturalists.</p> |
| <b>NA/04.03.18<br/>Updated Tees Valley BAP</b>                          | <b>JG</b> compiled new local list and group agreed.   | <b>RM</b> send approved list to local planning authorities and ERIC & publish on TVNP website.  |
| <b>NA/05.03.18<br/>Tees Valley Procedure for Local Site designation</b> | Flow chart of procedure agreed. Thanks to PR  | <b>PR</b> to update amendments to flow chart<br><b>RM</b> to send with covering letter to each planning authority cc to Planning & Nature Working Group & ERIC.   |
| <b>NA/06.03.18<br/>Update on wider TVNP items</b>                       | 25 Year Environment Plan metrics. Awaiting national publication. TVNP Business Plan due to launched early October. Up-dated Local Plan Assessment for Nature & Biodiversity.  | <b>RM</b> to update of LNP metrics webinar.<br><b>PR</b> to submit Darlington's local plan assessment in due course.  |
| <b>NA/07.03.18<br/>Biodiversity Opportunity Areas.</b>                  | Work in progress. Once TVWT sites added to East Cleveland maps will be ready.   | <b>RM</b> – circulate East Cleveland statements for comment & maps when ready.<br><b>RM</b> Add list of 'ancient meadows' to statements.  |
| <b>NA/08.02.18<br/>AOB</b>  | Single Data List reporting. Date for submission due in by 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept.  | PR, DA, GM, SB & PM to send copies to RM for publication on website.  |
| <b>Next meeting:</b>  | 1pm 12 <sup>th</sup> December. TVWT new meeting room as a warmer option to Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park! Festive lunch to be provided by PR.   |   |