



NATURAL ASSETS WORKING GROUP MINUTES
2pm 11/09/19
Tees Valley Wildlife Trust HQ

In attendance	Dave Askey, Stockton Borough Council; Martin Allen, independent ecologist; Simon Blenkinsop, Middlesbrough Borough Council;
Apologies	Fiona Hurworth, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council; Philip Roxby, INCA; Jeremy Garside, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust
Chair	Graham Megson, Hartlepool Borough Council
Secretariat	Rachel Murtagh, Tees Valley Nature Partnership

Agenda Item NA/Item.Meeting .Year	Notes	Action
NA/01.03.19 Minutes and Matters arising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20 LWS's lowland grassland sites compiled by MA. Increasing need for Local Authority Ecologist provision in Tees Valley. TV Natural Capital Assets register/account. Damage to SSSI's in the Tees Valley. Lack of resources (Natural England) to protect our natural asset 'jewels' e.g. Briarcroft Pasture SSSI. FMG5C List of LWSs lost & damaged 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> MA Send list to NE and ERIC. GM/RM to draft letter to LA's after Steering Grp. Meeting. RM (with Eddie Halstead, Tees Programme Manager, Environment Agency) Meeting with TV Combined Authority 27-09-19. RM Flag up issue with Steering Group. MA to regularly update.
NA/02.03.19 New sites, site amendments and potential sites	Outstanding LWS recommendations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Billingham Beck Saltmarsh – north. Billingham Beck Saltmarsh – south. Potential new grassland site – Hardwick Dene west of Hardwick Dene nature reserve. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GM to lead on. PR to lead, landowner tbc before submission. GM to chase up. Different area identified need to defer to 2020 survey to confirm suitability. DA submit details for application. Boundary needs clarifying. DA submit details for application. Defer to December meeting.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Hartburn Beck. 5. R&C area Greystones. 6. D'ton area Central Park LWS deselection 7. D'ton Blackwell Grange Golf Course amendment needed. 8. Stainton Way, Middlesbrough 9. Brass Castle Lane, Middlesbrough. 10. South Bank Station (Black Path) – urban grassland. 11. Planned A19/A67 interchange damage to LWS 12. St. Joseph's Cemetery Middlesbrough grassland. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Defer to 2020 in order to survey wider area (verges). GM/MA 6. Pending further info. D'ton BC. 7. Pending further info. D'ton BC. 8. Pending further info, MA. 9. Pending further info, MA. 10. MA to propose. Defer to December meeting. 11. Species rich turf will be translocated to Preston Park. Autumn 2020. MA to lead. 12. Pending further info, MA.
NA/03.03.19 TVNP Business Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Activity 1.1: Deliver our Local Sites process 2. Activity 2.2: Develop and adopt a system of local biodiversity metrics. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By 30/9/19 agree process with LPAs. GM & RM to draft prompt. 2. 5 metrics NAWG suggested RM to circulate to revisit.
NA/04.03.19 Local Nature Recovery Strategies in the Environment Bill	<p>Biodiversity Net Gain announced in July Planning update see: biodiversity net gain consultation summary</p> <p>LNRS's put forward</p>	<p>LNP Webinar: Local Nature Recovery Strategies 11/09/2019</p> <p>RM to feedback to steering group & keep them & NAWG informed of developments.</p>
NA/05.03.19 AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Lottery Community Fund Bid – brief update and feedback 2. The latest version of the Defra Biodiversity Metric has been published http://publications.naturengland.org.uk/publication/5850908674228224 3. Terms of Reference: TVNP Natural Assets Working Group. 4. Nature is one of Heritage Fund key strategic priorities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Officer appointed via TVNP. Start date 14-10-19. Launch of new phase at The Festival of Thrift 14&15/09 ALL WELCOME! 2. For Info. 3. RM circulated draft (post meeting) for comments and group to agree. 4. https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/publications/strategic-funding-framework-2019-2024
2019 Meeting dates:	<p>11th December All meetings: 2pm TVWT meeting room, Margrove Park.</p>	