



NAWG Minutes 01/12/2121

Attending	Fiona Hurworth Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council; Dave Askey Stockton Borough Council; Martin Allen independent ecologist; Tom Stephenson Hartlepool Council; Paul Stevens ERIC; Annemarie Mehl Tees Valley Wildlife Trust; Ambroise Baker Teesside University; Mike Leaky INCA;
Apologies	Rachel Murtagh TVNP
Chair	Jeremy Garside Tees Valley Wildlife Trust
Secretariat	Louise Richards , Tees Valley Nature Partnership

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
NA/01.04.21 Minutes	Minutes and Matters arising. Review of the last meeting notes: 10/03/21 PS ERICNE have renegotiated funding on the ancient woodland project and will start recruiting for this role soon	PS & AB to get in touch about involving students in this project.
NA/02. 04.21 <i>Preparing for Local Nature Recovery Strategies Update from Annemarie</i>	<p>Showed steps taken by pilot areas as an example of the work involved with the upcoming Local Nature Recovery Sites (LNRS's).</p> <p>Natural England have announced they likely to contact local authorities March 2022</p> <p>Started with identifying habitat and looking at connecting habitats. This data will be collected in GIS and then shared with TVCA to take part of the LNRS</p> <p>Did a case study of amenity grassland in Middlesbrough and the work that could be done there (reduce grass cutting to allow wildflower meadows to grow).</p> <p>Looked at a site in Berwick hills. Cut the area and to restore the wildflower meadow that had become rank grassland. Also looking at pond creation and tree planting in the area.</p>	
NA/03.04.21 <i>LWS Fungi Criteria</i>	<p>Currently LWS criteria is that if 1 or more species of nationally rare species from Hill et al. 1994 then this can be proposed as an LWS.</p> <p>The St Joseph's site has enough waxcaps for the site to be of national importance and scored over 11 on the plantlife waxcap app.</p> <p>Should we update the criteria on this topic, know we're waiting on invasive species criteria from Tees Rivers Trust.</p> <p>One thing to mention is that you can transfer spores from one site to another.</p> <p>MA The colour system that the plantlife fungi app uses is probably the simplest system, should we use this?</p>	<p>PS ERIC have created a way of flagging up if there's more than a few waxcaps showing up in a certain area – could share this with the group.</p> <p>MD to look out the policy they had on this at DWT and share it with the group.</p>

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<p>NA/04.04.21 <i>Guide to the environment</i></p>	<p>Having a guide for planners and others so that they have something simple and available to hand to give more information on LWS band other designated sites.</p>	<p>ALL to Use the TVNP page on this and send any additions to the page to LR to add.</p>
<p>NA/05.04.21 <i>The Wildlife Trust's Guide on Council Obligations</i></p>	<p>Update from Jeremy Garside on The guide which focuses on the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act.</p> <p>Something that will be strengthened in the Environment Bill and will be more stringently managed and monitored.</p> <p>ERIC discussing Local Authorities priorities on this and the assistance they will need for delivery</p> <p>What will be the data standard and how will developers and local authorities be held to this? The body responsible for policing this will likely be the new body (the Office for Environmental Protection), but right now nobody really polices this. Working together will be the way forward.</p>	<p>More work to be done, all to keep an eye on the environment bill and development of this.</p>
<p>NA/06.04.21 <i>Update on proposed LWS sites</i></p>	<p>1. St Joseph's Cemetery Grassland Update from SB Hasn't progressed yet as Middlesbrough, waiting on local plan, currently looking at a way to do this while waiting on local plan. <i>Outstanding LWS recommendations:</i></p> <p>2. South Bank Station Black Path Grassland a. Update from MA and FA</p> <p>3. Aislaby Grange A67 road verge Grassland a. Update from DA This was important as it was going to be developed into a road but this plan has changed to encompass the airport</p> <p>4. Bishopsgarth Grassland (Hardwick Dene Grassland) a. On hold</p> <p>5. Greystones A174 central reservation Grassland – on hold</p> <p>6. Blackwell Grange Golf Course – on hold</p> <p>7. Brass Castle Lane Grassland a. On hold pending further visits from MA and SB</p> <p><i>Other Sites</i> Billingham Beck Saltmarsh North On pause until site survey this summer</p>	<p>1. FH to email SB and TS information on this</p> <p>2. JG to gather information on South Bank and present to steering group.</p> <p>3. DA & MA to contact the garden centre to organise a meeting about cutting the verges.</p> <p>All others on hold</p> <p>JG will to take the Hartburn beck site to the Steering group</p> <p>DL & MA to get in touch with the landowner of the Billingham Beck Saltmarsh North site to get a survey of the site done</p>
<p>NA/07.04.21 AOB</p>	<p>Site adjacent to Witton bridge being filled in with Soil, MA notified environment agency but area is too small for them to do anything about it. Could be a planning enforcement issue</p> <p>DA discussed the Stockton Borough Council sustainability and carbon reduction strategy first draft</p> <p>INCA's attendance, Phil Roxby contact going forward</p> <p>Natural England organising NRN conference in March Next Year, updates to follow.</p>	
<p>Wednesday 2nd March 2.00 pm</p>		