

**Newborough Liaison Partnership Meeting  
Tuesday 27 November 2007**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Hugh Knott, Ann Hesson, Ruth Jenkins, Tim Gordon-Roberts, Graham Williams, Robert Williams, Wil Sandison, Martin Bailey, C Yarwood, Hefin Lloyd Roberts, Chris Wynne, John Ratcliffe, Tim Jones, Maureen Parry-Williams, Phil Thomas, Laurence Jones, Simon Hunt, Geoff Radford, John Tripp, Barbara James, Jonathon Levell, Martin Hollingham, Brian L. R. Richards, S Byrne, Ed Straw.

**Facilitators:** Lindsey Colbourne, Margaret Peters

<b>Decision</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Look at connectivity in the canopy in zone 2	Consider varying thinning across the stand so that a network of canopy connectivity is retained.	FCW/ LISS group	Dec/Jan
Need to find out about all salt tolerant species for underplanting	Any suggestions send to Jon	All	Nov/Dec
It would be good to maintain Corsican Pine if possible, but bring in diversity of conifers and deciduous species	Meeting with forest research re: red needle blight dispensation	FCW	Nov
In monitoring the effects of thinning on hydrology, need to look at rapid felling around bore holes. Also need to know existing density/species mix	Suggestion that we should design a coupe to Undertake rapid felling around a bore hole	FCW	
	Survey of species in zones 1 and 2	Jon	
Look at ways of connecting forest and expanding forest into surrounding areas	Continue talking to neighbouring landowners re: afforesting land (eg grants/purchasing land)	FCW (Grants and Licences)	
Write objectives for LISS areas including Lawrence's new boundary suggestions for zones 1 and 2, objectives in multiple use areas, clear fell option to support regeneration which would favour invertebrates and squirrels	Set date for LISS discussion (during the day Tues – Fri) and invite all LP to attend	FCW	Nov/Dec
	Attend meeting to discuss	All interested	Jan
	Give results to Bangor Uni to work up LISS description	FCW/Bang or Uni	
Ensure all rights of access are maintained	Consult with County Council foot paths re: gates and rights of access	FCW/CCW	
Continue to consider effects of climate change	Get Environment Agency to suggest possible North Wales coast sea level rise scenarios, and use CCW's work	FCW	
Visitor Centre project board should include LP representatives and should build on LP work/recommendations	Talk to Medrwn Mon to get this to happen	FCW	

Launch of 'eyes and ears' project, together with series of 10 conservation days over the next year followed by launch of full volunteer warden scheme	If you are interested in being involved please contact Robert or Tim	All	
Drop ins in Llangefni and Newborough open to others who would like to put in information and presence of LP members welcomed to help explain/show people round.	Contact Robert if you'd like to put information in (eg Martin on hydrology),	ALL	Jan
	Send invitation round LP	FCW	
	Send copy of video to all LP members	FCW	
New group to be formed from Liaison Partnership and Environment Panel: All on LP to be invited to take part. Group should ensure that all the detail done by Task and Finish groups is not lost!	Send invitation to all LP, setting out draft aims/terms of reference etc	FCW	Jan/Feb
	Respond to say yes/no to membership	ALL	Feb
	Hold first meeting	All	March
	Ensure Task and finish Group detailed info feeds into any discussions	All	ongoing
Future Timetable			
January 2008:	Public consultation drop-in sessions to be held in Newborough and Llangefni. Film available in Newborough Library.		
February 2008:	Plan submitted to Forestry Commission Wales Grants and Licences Team.		
February 2008:	Work starts on Appropriate Assessment, Continuous Cover Assessments and Management Plan.		
March 2008:	First meeting of the Liaison Partnership and Environment Panel follow-on group.		
June 2008:	Second meeting of the follow-on group. First conservation day for volunteer group.		

### Notes of discussion following draft Forest Design Plan video

The following issues were raised by members of the liaison partnership for discussion/clarification – *informal notes of the answers/ensuing discussion given in italics:*

Felling in parts of the forest – dune edge?

- *looking at a loss of 25ha of trees. There will be selective thinning and underplanting behind the suggested clearfell to establish a buffer to avoid losing trees in Zone 1. Some planting in Zone 1 will mean more trees (eg in clear fell areas).*

Restocking policy – not quite clear enough (Corsican pine doesn't regenerate naturally). What species are planned?

- *Tolerance table is being used, percentage given of accepted diverse range of pine species in the area and broadleaved trees. 5 year block on planting Corsican Pine due to red needle blight, but trying to find a way around this. Open to suggestions for tolerant under planting species.*

FDP – very little in it about responses to climate change. How is Climate Change being taken into account?

- *FCW thinking about it but not worried about effects within this first period of the FDP: it can be adapted as becomes clearer what effect will be. Corsican Pine most likely to survive in future?*

Will the thinning be enough to reduce the respiration so that water will recharge the slacks?

- *Monitoring will be put in place to look at this, monitoring points already established. Then FDP can be modified in light of results. Should consider rapid felling around some bore holes to understand full effect.*

Why has that area being chosen for the natural reserve?

- *less recreational use need to be adjacent to what's going on in the estuary. Connecting to more natural woodland and processes.*

How will the balance of objectives be decided in the multiple objective area? Recreation activities, position of visitor centre?

- *this needs to be decided as part of the LISS process – to discuss in the LISS meeting (to which LP members will be invited)*

Will the LISS (Low Impact Silvicultural Systems) allow clear felling up to 5 ha?

- *????? Definition set in UK Forestry Standard only allow felling of up to 0.25ha. LISS discussions can consider clear felling options (eg some larger areas so more connectivity in others?)*

Will the overall size of the forest be maintained?

- *net loss of 25 ha*

How will this forest connect with the rest of Anglesey and how are plans progressing for afforesting outside the edge of the forest on private land?

- *Woodland strategy is in place (county council) which promotes connections between woodlands. Needs a 'kick in the right direction' eg establishing grants for landowners or buying neighbouring land for planting*

What happened to blurred edge/discussion of position of the boundary between zones 1 and 2?

- *suggestion (from Lawrence and seemed well supported) for a more natural boundary - taking out more nearer the front and leaving more at the back where soil is better, allowing more wind/water through: better than using the road as in the draft plan? FCW to consider.*

Will thinning allow connectivity in the canopy?

- *In Zones 1 and 2 can consider how to maximise connectivity.*

What is the exact species mix now and then density in zones 1 and 2 (information needed for monitoring)?

- *Density: Zone 1 500 trees/ha; Zone 2 500 – 700 trees/ha. Jon to do survey of exact species mix*

How and when will we be able to discuss the detail level in the future?

- *LISS discussion/daughter of the environment panel*

Does removing exotics mean removing the existing cotoneaster/managing bramble?

- *Yes to manage this kind of vegetation especially over footpaths. If it became a hindrance to regeneration this would have to be managed.*