

# SUMMARY FROM NEWBOROUGH LIAISON PARTNERSHIP MEETING 3.4.06

## 1. Thinning work in the forest

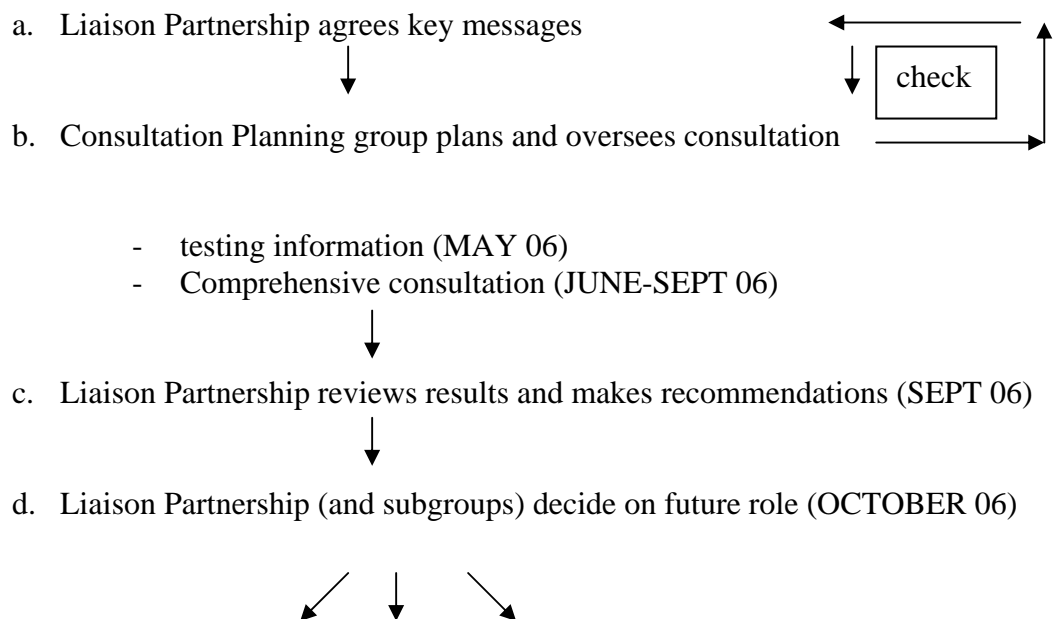
Jonathan Levell explained FCW's thinning plans to the group, based on the following statement: -

'Thinning are a normal forest management activity, which benefits the health and appearance of the forest. We recognise the sensitivities present n Newborough and put forward a plan for thinnings, which was subsequently changed as a result of consultation with Menter Môn, to avoid squirrel breeding areas. The type of thinning will also minimise the impact on the canopy (recognising the importance of continuous cover for squirrel movement).

There are three reasons for thinning in the near future:-

- i. forest health (re needle blight)
- ii. good forest management practice (allows light to forest floor, promotes good tree growth, improves biodiversity)
- iii. tree safety (around/along any routes)'.

## 2. Lindsey set out the Proposed Consultation Plans that are being discussed by the Consultation Group:



## 3. i. Any big, overarching reactions/feedback to the draft messages

- it would be useful to try to build in a sense of a time frame into the document and recommendations

- Need to emphasise that the recommendations aren't set in stone and could change in time, and that they should be interpreted as more of a guidance rather than strict limits (e.g. 5 hectare clear fell 'limit' should be used more as a guide)
- Work up some process recommendations from the community Involvement and partnership group, including how local people can liaise with organisations in the future
- Need to make it clear that more detailed information will become available as well as information that will aid understanding of technical language and definitions.

**ii. Specific amendments to the key messages paper**

Members suggested amendments to the wording of the draft key messages paper. There will be an opportunity to make further suggestions at the Liaison partnership meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

These changes have been incorporated into a second draft of the Key Messages paper