

## LNRS Technical Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes & Actions

**Date:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 12.30-1.30

**Venue:** Via Teams

**Attendees:**

<b>Tom Burditt (Chair)</b>	<b>TB</b>	<b>Lancashire Wildlife Trust</b>
Adam Briggs	AB	NFU
Alan Jemmett	AJ	MEAS
Andrew Clark	AC	MEAS
Andrew Brockbank	AB	Countryside Manager
Ayla Paul	AP	Wirral Council
Dermot Smith	DS	Mersey Estuary Conservation Group
Emma Galbraith	EG	LCR
Eric Fletcher	EF	Record
Eve Farrell	EvF	MEAS
Elina Marielle	EM	Merseyside Biobank
Gary Hedges	GH	Liverpool Museums
Hilary Ash	HA	NTL World
Isobel Bond	IB	LCR CA
Jeremy Sutton	JS	UOL
Joanne Doolin	JD	MEAS
Joe Phillips	JP	CW&C
John Entwistle	JE	LJMU
Judy Clavey	JC	Forestry Commission
Juliet staples	JS	Liverpool City Council
Katie Finkill- Coombs	KFC	Natural England
Lesley Brockbank	LB	Wirral and Cheshire Badger Group
Lucy Gibson	LG	Natural England
Lucy Bennison	LBenn	Knowsley MBC

Luke Bentley	LBen	LJMU
Michelle Whalley	MW	Mersey Forest
Natasha Murwill	NM	Chester Zoo
Noemie Bonnin	NB	LJMU
Paul Corner	PC	Mersey Rivers Trust
Peter Jordan	PJ	Groundwork
Paul Rooney	PR	Edge hill
Petrina Brown	PB	Environment Agency
Phil Smith	PS	UOL
Rachel Waggett	RW	LCR
Richard Scott	RS	Eden Project
Robert Allen	RA	#TBC
Sue Slamon	SS	Environment Agency
Stan Irwin	SI	Bat Ecologist
Suzannah Gill	SG	Mersey Forest

## I Welcome / Introductions/Actions

TB – Welcomed the group to the second LNRS technical meeting.

Review of actions from last meeting –

- AC -re inviting broader participant involvement in species group

Further names have been suggested from partners – and the groups have been joined by a further 20 -25 people. Currently the majority (if not all) of the taxonomic groups have been covered –*list to be sent to TB for reference.*

- RS –re youth participation in LNRS

Update - very good meeting held last week at St. Vincent's school – great range of youth reps from around the city region – TB to pick up with RS outside of the meeting and TB to feed back to main advisory board.

- 1) **Species long list – (Early draft update) - Jo Doolin- Nature Recovery Advisor (MEAS)**  
JD shared with the group the spreadsheet via screen share function(note this list will be circulated for reference with the minutes)

- Working with species technical group on the development of the Species Long List
  - The long list has been split into taxonomic group for ease of collation.
  - Members could see the various lists via the screen – and Jo noted that the plant and mammal lists were quite comprehensive, but lists such as the invertebrates list needed to be split up further with more information required.
  - There had been some feedback regarding way of working with the question of whether selecting the species rather than habitat first to look at, was the best way. It was agreed that in all cases important habitats are represented.
  - TB asked the question whether all of the long list which would feature hundreds of species would be mapped for the LNRS or would these be whittled down to a number of indicator species.
  - JD responded; yes the list would be whittled down according to the guidance provided by Defra (this has been circulated to species technical group = e.g. locally important/ threatened). Once on short list – don't automatically go on statement of Biodiversity priorities – another process is gone through which the technical group will be kept informed of.
  - TB - in terms of the role of this group in decision making – to clarify the species long list will be presented and the group will be asked for comment and to sense check. Further to this can the group comment on the process itself? JD responded – the process is set out in the guidance so have to stick to the process as it is. KFC reiterated the process needs to be adhered to as set out by Defra – feedback from partners has been received and the guidance may be refreshed soon – the group will be updated as soon as possible if this occurs. as she receives that, she will update it.
  - JD will be running a drop in session for which will provide more opportunity to learn about the long list and the process – anyone in the group who is interested in going along to this please email Jo ( joanne.doolin@sefton.gov.uk)– but date will be circulated to members as soon as it is set,
  - DS asked the question- how is the bird list coming along. JD responded that the list is in progress and more species need to go on the list – will circulate what we have for comment.
  - Marine workshop
  - The list will be coming back to this group next time – thank you very much for all the work that you are doing.
- 2) Community Engagement Survey results analysis (species specific) – Isobel Bond (LCR CA)**
- Isobel shared the LNRS citizen survey results presentation with the panel, drawing out key information relating to species findings.

This survey was one of two ways that citizens within the LCR can get involved with the LNRS. The survey (which ran between October and November 23) – provides insight into the public perception of nature focusing on their priorities and values in relation to their natural environment. The second phase, will be the opportunity for the public to comment on the draft LNRS documentation. The presentation findings will be shared with the minutes

- EM (Biobank Merseyside) thanked Isobel for very interesting presentation and asked whether there were any questions around data recording on the survey – e.g. to understand whether people were aware of the importance and how to record data in their local area on local species through e.g. wildlife recording scheme. IB responded that the survey was designed to be very public friendly and they didn't want to put any barriers in place by asking questions which may have been seen as a barrier to filling in the survey but it was agreed that optional information could have been included to educate the public and this could be looked at the next point of citizen engagement. EM and IB to link up to discuss further,
- SI – there seems to be quite a wide gap between the questions posed on the citizen questionnaire, and how this might fit in with the LNRS. EG responded – questionnaire developed alongside Natural England and they wanted it to be as accessible as possible. Whilst the LNRS is a technical document, there is scope within it to ensure that the findings from the citizen survey do feed into its development.
- AB – questioned that there are only four responses from farmers will there be further engagement opportunities? EG responded that a multitude of engagement approaches were used in this engagement e.g. post etc, however recognising that there is a low response and therefore the CA will be holding a farmer event next month, need for specific landowner engagement – more targeted approach is being taken.

### 3) Phase 1 mapping – irreplaceable habitat – Andrew Clark (MEAS)

AC shared a presentation on Irreplaceable habitat (this will be circulated)  
5 stage process – currently at stage 1 (mapping local habitats)  
Within this, the definition of “irreplaceable habitats” is a bit of a conundrum.  
Whilst we are at stage one and we don't know what the final definition will be – we need to work with the current definition (which has changed over the last 6 months)  
Next Summer there will be further consultation with Defra to confirm what the final definition is. Current habitats listed under irre

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RS – soils charter great leap forward must link the carbon story with the nature recovery story – if we don't make bold statements – when we come up with the

LNRS are there some local commitments that we are able to make – statements of intent that aren't linked to the formt - - EG yes we can do that – we will take this to the broader committee – TB – we can make the recommendations to the main board – with the soils charter as a specific example. Really helpful way forward.

4) Terms of reference sign off – Tom Burditt CHAIR (LWT)

The panel agreed to sign off the TOR

Date of next meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 12:30-13:30

Action Log	Owner (s)
Collect concerns or suggestions from members regarding the potential challenges of the group size.	All participants encouraged to communicate concerns or suggestions
Provide updates on the LNRS progress, including surveys, engagement efforts, and phase one mappings.	EG
<b>Invite participation and involvement in the species group.</b>	AC (Leading the species group).
Address concerns about tangible on-the-ground impact and resource needs.	TB (Chair) and EG
Discuss the group's continuity after LNRS completion.	TB and all participants
Explore opportunities such as carbon capture meadows, soil charter, waste minimization, and youth representation.	RS
Establish contact for youth representation.	RS
Incorporate co-benefits of nature in the climate action plan.	RW
Finalize the terms of reference for work package groups.	TAP organizers
Provide an update on the species long list – JD to run workshop and circulate date.	EG/JD
Prepare for collaborative work in the next 18 months to develop a strong LNRS.	All participants

*Note: The listed owners are based on the roles and responsibilities mentioned in the provided information. Adjustments may be made based on the participants' preferences or specific assignments during the meeting.*