

## LNRS Technical Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes & Actions

**Date:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 12.30-1.30

**Venue:** Via Teams

**Attendees:**

Alan Jemmett	AJ	MEAS
Andrew Clark	AC	MEAS
Andrew Brockbank	AB	Countryside Manager
Ayla Paul	AP	Wirral Council
Dan Foy	DF	Stantec
Emma Galbraith	EG	LCR
Eric Fletcher	EF	Record
Chloe Boyle	CB	Marine Management
Elina-Mariella Doss	EM	Merseyside Biobank
Don Thompson	DT	Brodie Biologicals
Hilary Ash	HA	NTL World
Joanne Doolin	JD	MEAS
John Entwistle	JE	LJMU
Judy Clavey	JC	Forestry Commission
Jenny Hodgson	JH	Liverpool University
Lesley Brockbank	LB	Wirral and Cheshire Badger Group
Michelle Whalley	MW	Mersey Forest
Mark Brown	MB	Woodland Trust
Noemie Bonnin	NB	LJMU
Paul Corner	PC	Mersey Rivers Trust
Petrina Brown	PB	Environment Agency
Phil Smith	PS	UOL
Rachel Waggett	RW	LCR
Richard Scott	RS	Eden Project

## I Welcome / Introductions/Actions

Note – due to apologies from Chair Tom Burditt; Rachel Waggett (LCR CA) acted as chair during this meeting.

RW welcomed the group to the third LNRS technical meeting.

### 1) Species long list – (update) – Andrew Clark / Jo Doolin- (MEAS)

- Draft Longlist circulated ahead of meeting and the shortlisting process has commenced which is going well.
- Working with species technical group on the development of the Species Short Lists Which have been split into taxonomic group for ease of collation – birds, mammals and herbtile lists/flowering plants are almost finished. Other lists are still being worked on for example the invertebrates lists
- JD informed the panel that two workshops have been arranged to further review the lists– Members will be sent invites to these groups.- registration will be through Eventbrite as the invites are been sent out to wider stakeholders such as Friends of Groups.

Dates are;

March 4<sup>th</sup> – **1.30 – 3.30** – Species technical group workshop

March 18<sup>th</sup> – **1.30 – 3.30** – Habitat working group

### 1) Richard Scott – Presentation – why is soil an important underpinning principle to LNRS and what are we planning to do about it in the LCR

RS provided the panel with an excellent presentation on soil highlighting its importance as the source of life, and as a critical starting point for habitat creation work.

Key points below

- The presentation showed how building on the work of Tony Bradshaw / Professor John Handley and others, many opportunities exist for biodiversity (and carbon capture) using wastes creatively.
- Ecologists have long known that the most diverse and species rich habitats are found in poor and unproductive soils or soils. RS emphasised the critical importance of stopping the waste of topsoil in public landscaping and to trumpet the opportunity of unproductive soil and substrates for species diversity
- In a city like Liverpool 60% of total waste is from construction and demolition. There is an opportunity cost if we don't use this resource, both for neutral carbon ways of working, and real biodiversity gain and nature recovery. We can use these substrates

for sustainable biodiversity, particularly in this region where this waste is concentrated.

- **The opportunity is huge for people and nature, it activates circular economy practice and protects are very precious soil resources.**

**Date of next meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 11-12am**

Action Log	Owner (s)
Invites to workshops to be sent out to TAP	JD
Provide updates on the LNRS progress, including surveys, engagement efforts, and phase one mappings.	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 engagement and representation with youth groups for TAP	TB
Incorporate co-benefits of nature in the climate action plan.	RW

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