

# Local Nature Recovery Strategy

## Species Technical Group Minutes

Meeting 1

Mann Island

06/12/2024

### Attendees

In person: Josh Styles, Hiliary Ash, David Owen, Tom Ferguson, Richard Walker, Lorna Drake, Katie Finkill-Coombs, Dan Foy, Emma Galbraith

Online: Lesley Brockbank, Steve Garland, Noemie Bonnin, Petrina Brown, Mike Brown, Luke Bentley, Eric Fletcher, Phil Smith, Natasha Murwill, Don Stonehouse

### Part 1 – Introductions and presentations

Presentation on LNRS national context, and within the LCR from Katie Finkill-Coombs and Emma Galbraith.

Introductions and presentation from Biobank and MEAS work from Andrew Clark and Elina Doss on ecology role.

Presentation from Eve Farrell about Condatis used during a Natural England seedcorn project on species dispersal.

### Part 2 – general discussion about LNRS short and long lists

Fungi/plants – assemblages are habitat based, and the habitats come before individual plants, how is this captured in the process? Moths too

**ACTION:** JD to re-email guidance

Discussion RE habitats/species within the group.

Concerns regarding Local Authorities (LA), they are underfunded so worried about making more work for LAs, EG raised LA group and planning group and have got them involved in process – delivery burden.

Burden of delivery doesn't just sit on LAs, part of work is partnership and collaboration – Mersey Forest, MRT, other stakeholders/partners. This work provides opportunities for funding, and if we've got a good LNRS, we can attract appropriate and relevant funding to support species recovery.

Difficulty of networking, collating list of contacts for each area to try and get records and information from everyone. Difficult to find relevant species networks, finding where they submit records to, and how they're then disseminated.

LNRS will co-ordinate this information together across a landscape together, and provide a process for everyone to submit records in the same way. Document is a live document that

can be updated when new evidence and data becomes available. LNRS review timeframe 3-10 years for update of Strategy. Species lists will inform LNRS priorities and measures for their recovery.

Biobank (ED) – Wants map of recorders and organisations across area - have seen a map similar but not sure who did that. Lancashire are producing a map of projects that are being done locally and LCR is similarly mapping stakeholders and existing projects and initiatives.

How is this going to be prioritised within the LA areas, BAP targets have been largely ignored historically. As local plans are produced, they will need to take account LNRS priorities and opportunity areas.

BH (Online) not sure whether this is factored in to the strategy, but fauna associated with specific habitats (and / or plants) often become rare or extinct long before their associated habitats / plants have declined substantially - perhaps there is a role for a "minimum / critical mass" of such habitats (in terms of ha's and connectivity) when prioritising species (btw - Lowland Heath is not badly recorded for many sps - particularly in Merseyside).

JD (response to BH) Yes - the habitats are being considered as part of a separate process within the LNRS, and species put on the long/shortlists (which I'm covering in a bit) will also be grouped within habitats. The species prioritisation work is only a section of the LNRS work and a habitat working group will follow on from species activities.

Luke Bentley – have done connectivity modelling, so if want input/collaboration on this, contact LJM.

#### MS Teams chat

[4:19 PM] Ben Hargreaves

The RDB list for aculeate Hymenoptera is due to be revised, possibly in the next few months (the last revision being 1992).