

Date: Wednesday, 20 July 2022

Time: 10am – 11.30am

Venue: via Microsoft Teams call

Name of Member	Organisation	Attendance
David Andrews (DA)	VisitWiltshire	Apologies
Charlotte Boole (CB)	Greenway Training	
Rory Bowen (RB)	Wiltshire Council	
Julian Head (JH)	Wiltshire Council	✓
Ruth Lambert (RL)	FSB	
Geraldine McKibben (GMcK)	Consultant	✓
Gary Mantle (GM)	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	Apologies
Elliott Hutt (EH)	CLA	✓
John Matthews (JM)	Pinkney Park	✓
James Miles-Hobbs (JM-H)	JMH Farming and Renewables	✓
Andy Parsons (AP)	Cotswolds AONB	Apologies
Harry Tipple (HT) / Alex Neale (AN)	Community First	Apologies
Paul Walton (PW)	New Forest NPA	
Caroline Wheatley-Hubbard (CW-H)	Boyton Farm	Apologies
Edward Humber (EH)	NFU	✓
Claire Wright (CW)	CLA	
SWLEP: attendance will be dependent on topics discussed		
Paddy Bradley (PB)	SWLEP CEO	✓
Chris Stevens (CS)	Growth Hub Manager	✓

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Chris Stevens (CS)	SWLEP	✓
Guest(s)	Lucy Bates (LB) – Wiltshire Wildlife Trust ✓	
Chair	Paddy Bradley (PB)	
Notes	Sandy Evans (SE)	

Item	Narrative	Deadline
1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	
	The meeting opened at 10am. PB welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions made. Apologies were noted.	
2.0	Minutes from 11 May 2022	
2.1	The minutes from the meeting on 11 May 2022 were read and approved.	
2.2	<p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPG Rural Productivity - TM to present to the meeting in July. Tom Mason had left CLA, and Elliott Hutt now had responsibility for Wiltshire. <i>Update: a copy of the report would be provided. See item 3.3.</i> • Skills & Talent Working Group draft green skills report to be sent to CB for input. • Entrepreneurship - PB and NS to return to the group in July with a proposal having tested with CB. Meeting held on 24 June. IN TRAIN <p>The other Matters Arising were completed.</p>	
3.0	Natural Capital	
3.1	<p>Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – Natural Capital accounting strategy</p> <p>LB talked through the comprehensive presentation. The presentation can be accessed by following the link below:</p> <p>https://static.swlep.co.uk/swlep/docs/default-source/sub-groups/business-development/rural-economy-sector-group-(resg)/2022/20-july-2022/wwt-swlep-20-7-22.pdf?sfvrsn=fafbf9d3_4</p> <p>Comments were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • looking at different ways of working with organisations, collaboration, and partnerships; • investable landscapes were key on DEFRA's agenda; 	

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3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avon Wildlife Trust was trialling a new project with Bristol and Avon catchment areas; • the use of brown land was difficult and change of use had to go through DEFRA; • JMH mentioned stacking and LB advised this was largely fundamental to policy; it had to be viable to the individual selling the land; • small farmers had little flexibility and limiting options to work around, and also had public access on their land; and • the land use had to have a risk/benefit analysis and projection for 30 years. <p>Action: LB's contact details would be provided to RESG members.</p> <p>Update on the Biosphere project</p> <p>Comments received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JMH had been involved in the discussion with Bio Foundation, sponsors on technology plant for the Environment Agency. A move to a national platform was being sought. If the model worked, it would be transferable. • JMH commented that a common set of guidelines that could both sit in and be the key driver for DEFRA with national standards agreed. • EH commented that this had been demonstrated and developed where existing assets could be brought back. It was an important state of the development. • Biosphere and Bristol & Avon catchment to be at the next meeting. Both parties were keen to talk and iron out the issues. • The Biosphere team was in discussion with Wiltshire Council about its role and what was best for the landowners in Wiltshire. The landowners/agents for climate mitigation could share outputs if available. • LB commented that the Environment Bank was a third factor to consider. Biosphere did not have geographical boundaries; both could be on the national platform. 	<p>Aug 2022</p>
3.3	<p>ACTION: WWT, Biosphere and SWLEP to discuss and bring together for the next meeting on 2 November.</p> <p>Update on SWLEP / University of Bath PhD research</p> <p>PB reported that there had been an issue raised at a previous RESG meeting about the degree of attention paid to biodiversity in the PhD research. To clarify, the PhD was a part-time study, and the student was coming up to one third of the time. His PhD proposal had just been reviewed in an academic challenge. The group of professors endorsed the focus, methodology and direction of the study.</p>	<p>Oct 2022</p>

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	<p>The PhD would pick up other elements once the first stage of establishing a baseline was completed. One of the outcomes of the research was to bring a robust approach into business case development to take account of the impact of development on natural capital. An initial estimate was that in Swindon and Wiltshire, the financial value of the natural environment and the services derived from it amounts to circa £18bn.</p> <p>ACTION: PB to circulate APPG report.</p>	<p>Aug 2022</p>
4.0	AOB	
	None.	
	<p>Attendees were thanked for their contributions to the debate.</p> <p>Next meeting: Wednesday, 2 November - 10am to 11.30am</p> <p>Future dates for 2023 To be advised.</p>	
	Meeting closed at 11.29am	

Paddy Bradley

2 November 2022