

Sefton Coast Woodlands Forest Plan

Sefton Coast Owners Group

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on

Thursday 23rd October 2003

PRESENT:

Anne Ibbs (AI)	Golf Cottage
Rob Wolstenholme(RW)	EN
Paul Nolan (PN)	The Mersey Forest
Fiona Robertson (FR)	Lancashire Wildlife Trust
Nick Roche (NR)	The Mersey Forest
Bob Wagstaff (BW)	St Lukes Woodland
Chris Whittle (CW)	Royal Birkdale Golf Club
Chris Barker (CB)	Formby Golf Club
Gordon Adam (GA)	Forestry Commission (FC)
Tim Oliver	Forestry Commission

ITEM:

ACTION:

1. Apologies

Alan Jemmet, Andrew Brockbank, Alan Bale,

2. Minutes of last meeting

Approved.

3. Monitoring the Plan - update on database and the specific plan targets to implement – NR

NR gave an overview of plan progress – Overall progress is good with all sites progressing in line with the Forest Plan.

Nick also updated the group on work he is undertaking to improve the quality of the database information – particularly in relation to the age categories and distribution – this has been done for NT woods. This exercise has shown that for NT the previous data used has slightly overestimated the age structure of the woods and an underestimate of the broadleaf component of the woods.

Update at next meeting

4. Resourcing the Forest Plan

PN and NR presented a paper on this issue

Conclusion was that this was an important consideration for the future of the group and Forest plan implementation.

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- Acceptance of the conclusions of the paper
- Recognise the need for a 3 tier approach
 - Task Group
 - Group co-ordination
 - Forest Plan implementation
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- Paper to go to Sefton Coast partnership board
- Action points in the paper to be developed – e.g. link to Mersey Waterfront RP
- Further ideas for resourcing to be brought to future meetings

5. Wood |Fair

Positive feedback on the event

Some changes may be made to timing of the event next year -0 but the intention is to run the event again provided resources are secured.

6. Any Other Business

There was a request for a “paper” on delivering broader social benefits through the Forest plan

The issue of including squirrel monitoring in WIG and WGS applications was raised again – to discuss further with GA

GA confirmed that the FP was definitely approved and that to date had not received an update from the FC hydrologist.

RW – gave an update to the group on the process of developing the EIA on the Frontal woodlands.

DONM - 22 January 2004