

## Isle of Wight Biodiversity Action Plan

Minutes of the sixteenth Steering Group meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2003, 10.30am, IWC Seaclose Offices, Newport

**Present:** Matthew Chatfield, Senior Countryside Officer, Isle of Wight Council  
Vicky Basford, IWC Archaeology Service  
Jay Doyle, Forest Enterprise – Woodland Ecologist  
Martin Froment, DEFRA  
Andy Gordon English Nature  
Richard Grogan, Wight Wildlife  
David Langford, Country Landowners Association  
Anne Marston, Assistant Ecology Officer, Isle of Wight Council  
Hugh Milner, Forestry Commission  
Colin Pope, Ecology Officer, Isle of Wight Council  
Marijke Ransom, AONB Planning and Information Officer  
Chris Spackling, NFU  
Tony Tutton, National Trust  
Kevin Watts, Forest Research

**In attendance:** Jonathan Cox, Consultant

**Apologies:** Ian Boyd Island 2000 Trust  
Jackie Mellan, Environment Agency  
Carrie Temple, RSPB

**SG03/17**      **Minutes of the last meeting** were agreed and signed.

### **SG03/18**      **Matters arising from the minutes**

a) Woodland HAP has been circulated.

**Action: All representatives to ensure that the HAP is added to their BAP file.**

b) Estuaries HAP. Comment on the notes circulated was only received from English Nature. The draft will be circulated in advance of the next meeting.

c) Red Squirrel SAP. This has been widely circulated amongst the Isle of Wight Red Squirrel Forum, and feedback has also been received from the England and UK groups. The plan will be circulated with the minutes of this meeting.

**Action: All representatives to ensure that the SAP is added to their BAP file.**

d) There has been a significant increase in the FC finances available for Jigsaw, so that 12 out of 16 schemes can now go ahead. The Island is now receiving a quarter of the England budget, £262,000 (original sum was £125,000).

e) Newsletter – material has been forthcoming, but there is room for some small items. It will be produced once all contributions have been received.

**Action: Ensure all contributions for newsletter are sent to AM by 30 July.**

### **SG03/19**      **VisuLands Project**

Kevin Watts of Forest Research gave a presentation about this project. Context note attached.

Discussion followed the presentation. KW considered that organisations represented in the Steering Group may be able to supply information such as data sets, suggestions for indicator species, indicate possible pitfalls, and advise on drivers of landscape change, but that he saw the BAP Steering Group as an 'end user' in the VisuLands project.

It was suggested that a 'brainstorming' meeting involving key parties who would be able to contribute to the project be set up later this year, possibly in October.

**Action: Kevin Watts to provide a context note to accompany the minutes.**

**Set up an autumn meeting with key parties to discuss details of the project.  
KW/CP**