

Re-introductions working groups set up

- and other next steps

Species specific working groups were set up. After the conference, this proposal has been made for what the working groups could start to do:

WEB SITES

Create a list of key web sites which offer helpful information on the biology, behaviour, management, and folklore of the species

KEY PUBLICATIONS

Compile a reference list (web based where possible) of key publications (books, academic articles, magazine articles) which offer helpful information on the biology, behaviour, management, and folklore of the species.

FAQs

Draw up a list of frequently asked questions about the effects of the species on people, game, farming, forestry and the like. Create honest and convincing answers to these questions.

LINKS WITH ARTS AND CULTURAL GROUPS

Identify key people and organisations amongst the arts, literature and popular culture who can generate popular interest in the species, setting the animal in a positive light and inspiring interest in them. Prioritise these people and organisations and collaborate with those who are most receptive.

LINKS WITH CONSERVATION NGOs AND AGENCIES

Maintain contact with relevant individuals in conservation sector, so these bodies are aware of the scope of the group's work and see it as complementary and not overlapping.

COLLABORATION WITH OTHER SECTORS

Prepare and, in time, implement a strategy for contact, collaboration and mutual learning with key groups in other sectors, such as:

Access

Game

Farming

Forestry

Tourism

and other relevant sectors

PROGRESS REPORTS

Maintain a progress report on each of the above activities on the xxxxxx web site, so the work is open and transparent.

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Other offers of help and next steps:

1. Steve Carver, Leeds University offers help with mapping and modelling work
2. David Hetherington offers advice to the Lynx Working Group
3. Peter Cairns offers Tooth and Claw resources
4. Everyone agreed to have their email address circulated on a contact database by Kate Smith, Trees for Life

5. Trees for Life will contribute some time and resource to the re-introductions agenda. For instance, they could 'host' a fundraiser.
6. There will be a need to find money to pay for promotional costs / materials. Would other organisations also contribute?
7. David Blake, Project Development Officer at Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, offers to circulate the strategy he is using to influence policy changes in Environmental Stewardship ie. the next stage of CAP reform 2013. He will inform participants when this is available.
8. Peter Taylor and Steve Carver are looking at doing some strategic mapping of wildland. Contact them for more information.
9. Peter Taylor is looking at seeking funding for some work about changing perceptions about wilding. Contact him for more information.
10. Will Carey, Highland Wildlife Park, offers to share experience of education about predator and reintroduced species.
11. The Slovak Wildlife Society and "Wolves and Humans" have offered:
 - i. A study tour to areas of carnivore-human coexistence and conflict in Slovakia
 - ii. Education materials (e.g. teachers' books on wolves and bears available as pdfs at <http://www.medvede.sk/index1.php?action=skoly>)
 - iii. Experience of public opinion research (study by Wechselberger et al. available as a pdf at <http://www.medvede.sk/index1.php?action=publikacie>)
 - iv. Experience of conflict mitigation (experience with livestock guarding dogs, electric fencing, etc.)
 - v. Experience of research on carnivore ecology and conflicts with human interests (mainly wolf and bear)