

# Cross-Party Group Annual Report

## Cross Party Group Details

### Cross Party Group Title:

Cross Party Group for Biodiversity

## Group membership and office holders

### Name of Group Chair:

John Griffiths

### Names of other Members of the Senedd:

Delyth Jewell (Vice Chair), Janet Finch-Saunders, Llyr Gruffydd, Mike Hedges, Altaf Hussain, Mark Isherwood, Carolyn Thomas

### Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Liz Smith, Wales Environment Link

### Names of other external members and organisations represented:

WEL members, including: Annie Smith (RSPB), Meriel Harrison (RSPB), Alex Phillips (WWF), Ken Addison (CPRW), Rachel Sharp / Tim Birch (Wildlife Trusts Wales), Ed Goodall (Whale and Dolphin Conservation), Jerry Langford / Helen Lucoq (Coed Cadw / Woodland Trust), Adam Thorogood (Coed Cadw / Woodland Trust), Arfon Williams (RSPB), Kate Rees (National Trust)

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## Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

### Meeting 1

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#### Date of Meeting:

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – AGM and meeting online, live-streamed to YouTube

#### Attendees:

John Griffiths MS – Chair of the CPG

Delyth Jewell – Vice Chair of CPG

Huw Irranca-Davies – Deputy First Minister / Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change & Rural Affairs

Liz Smith – Wales Environment Link, secretariat

Tessa Marshall – Wales Environment Link

Annie Smith – RSPB Cymru

Rachel Hoffman – Plantlife International

Meg Griffiths – Plantlife Cymru

Erin Shott – Plantlife

Aimee Seager – Plantlife

Alex Phillips – WWF Cymru

Alice Teague – Welsh Government

Alwyn Edwards – Glastir Woodland Creation agent

Andrew Bettridge – Labour Senedd staffer

Chiara Cooper – JNCC

Chris Mills – Afonydd Cymru

Claire Rumsey – Plantlife

Dan Rose – Labour Senedd staffer

Dan Ward – Tir Natur

Fergus O'Brien – Dŵr Cymru

Fiona Thomas – Marine Conservation Society

Frances Winder – Butterfly Conservation

Gareth Clubb – WWF Cymru

Gwyn Jones – European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism

Ioan Bellin – Plaid Cymru staffer

James Hitchcock – Rewilding Britain

Karen Stothard – Welsh Government

Katy Orford – Senedd Research

Lauri MacLean – National Trust

Leigh-Anne Bullough – JNCC

Liz Wilkinson – Senedd Research

Lizzie Wilberforce – Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales

Luke Romaine – Welsh Government

Rachel Bedwin – RSPB  
Rebecca Walley – British Ecological Society  
Rhiannon Hardiman – Future Generations Office  
Ruth Chambers – Green Alliance  
Sarah MacCarty – Welsh Government  
Steve Jennings – Environmental Consultant  
Sue Evans – GWCT / Independent consultant  
Tim Birch – Wildlife Trusts Wales

### **Summary of the issues discussed:**

We discussed the upcoming Nature Positive Bill, focusing on nature targets, doing a focused look at how international commitments align to Welsh legislation / policy commitments. We used an example of Target 7 – reducing nutrient pollution – from the Global Biodiversity Framework as an important way of tackling the nature crisis.

This meeting is available to watch back on YouTube here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2Nco3i9e2U&ab\\_channel=WalesEnvironmentLink](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2Nco3i9e2U&ab_channel=WalesEnvironmentLink)

All the presentations can be viewed online here:

- Annie Smith, RSPB Cymru: [Introduction to the Global Biodiversity Framework, and high level targets](#)
- Cath Lehane, WWF Cymru: [how a strong target 7 could address the challenges facing our freshwater habitats/rivers](#)
- Rachel Hoffmann, Plantlife International: [overview of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation \(GSPC\) and its alignment to the Biodiversity Framework](#)
- Meg Griffiths, Plantlife Cymru: [applying global targets for nature in Wales](#)

## **Meeting 2**

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### **Date of Meeting:**

Next upcoming on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### **Attendees:**

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**Summary of the issues discussed:**

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**Meeting 3**

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**Date of Meeting:**

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**Attendees:**

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**Summary of the issues discussed:**

**Meeting 4**

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**Date of Meeting:**

21/05/2024

**Attendees:**

**Summary of the issues discussed:**

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**Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities the Group have met during the previous year.**

[names of lobbyists/organisations/charities should be included as follows, e.g.]

**Name of Organisation:**

None – minus the WEL network’s membership, the key ones involved in the CPG being their own members in their own right

**Name of Group:**

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## Annual Financial Statement

### Cross Party Group Title:

Cross Party Group for Biodiversity

### Date:

30/05/24

### Name of Chair:

John Griffiths MS

### Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Liz Smith, Wales Environment Link

Title	Description	Amount
<b>Group's Expenses</b>	None	£0.00
<b>Costs of all goods</b>	No goods bought	£0.00
<b>Benefits received by the group or individuals members from external bodies</b>	No benefits received.	£0.00
<b>Any financial support or other support.</b>	No financial support was received.	£0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£0.00</b>

Services provided to the Group, such as hospitality.

All hospitality paid for [include the name of the group/organisation].

Date	Name and description of provider	Costs
		£0.00
N/a – no in person meetings for this time period		

<b>Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
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