

Cross-Party Group Annual Report.

March 2015

Cross Party Group on Biodiversity

1. Group membership and office holders.

Chair: Llyr Gruffydd AM

Members: Nick Ramsay AM, William Powell AM, Simon Thomas AM

Secretary: Russel Hobson

Other external members: None

2. Previous Group Meetings since the last AGM.

Meeting 1.

Meeting date: 26 Nov 2014

Attendees: Job titles not collected at the time

WEL speakers	Iwan Ball (WWF)
External Speakers	Graham Rees (Welsh Government Marine)
WEL members	Raoul Bhambral (WEL) Scott Fryer (Wildlife Trusts Wales / WEL) Clare Reed (Marine Conservation Society / WEL) Gareth Cunningham (RSPB / WEL)
AMs	Llyr Gruffydd (Chair) Russell George Janet Finch-Saunders Alun Ffred Jones
AM Support	Nia Seaton (Members Research Service) Katy Orford (Members Research Service) Alex Philips (William Powell) Nick Wall (Mick Antoniw)
Others	Jim Evans (Welsh Fisherman's Association) Lucy Taylor (Severn Estuary Partnership) Colin Davies (Calen Films) Dan Crook (CSP) Trevor Jones (Bangor Mussel Producers Ltd)

Summary of issues discussed: Marine theme

Introduction to WEL's Marine Working Group, Marine Strategy Framework Directive, Marine Protected Areas and support from business.

Meeting 2.

Meeting date: 18 Feb 2014 (First AGM)

Attendees: Job titles not collected at the time

WEL speakers	Russel Hobson (Butterfly Conservation Trust) James Byrne (Wildlife Trusts Wales)
External Speakers	Sinead Lynch (Bumblebee conservation Trust) Roger Mathias + Rowan Flindall-Shayle (Farm Advisors)
WEL members	Raoul Bhambral (WEL) Sue Evans (WEL) Karen Whitfield (WEL) Nigel Ajax-Lewis (Wildlife Trusts SW Wales) Jon Cryer (RSPB) Laura Cropper (RSPB) Andrew Whitehouse (Buglife) Jerry Langford (Woodland Trust) Angharad Evans (Woodland Trust)
AMs	Nick Ramsay (Chair) Llyr Gruffydd Russell George
AM Support	Lisa Laird (rep David Melding) Catrin Davies (Plaid Researcher)
Officials	Caryn Le Roux (DESD – LNFM) Rhian Jayne Power (rep Rob Halford, WEFO) Chris Lea (NRF – Environment) Siobhan Wiltshire (Planning) Matthew Sayer (Senior Policy Advisor, CSA for Wales)
NRW	Clive Hurford (Conservation)
Others	Alan Michie (Chair, Bee-friendly Monmouthshire) Lucie Taylor (Community Land Advisory Service)

Summary of issues discussed: Pollinators theme

Threats to and opportunities for pollinators, Pollinator Action Plan, farming with wildlife

3. Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities with whom the Group has met during the preceding year.

None

Annual Financial Statement.

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Group's Expenses.	None.	£0.00
Costs of all goods.	No goods purchased.	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individual Members from outside bodies.	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any secretariat or other support.	No financial support received. Secretariat provided by Wales Environment Link	£0.00
Services provided to the Group such as hospitality.		
All refreshments paid for by WEL.		
Date	Description and name of provider	Cost
26 Nov 2014	Beverages and sandwiches	£274.00
18 Feb 2014	Beverages and welshcakes	£61.68
Total cost		£335.68