

England Biodiversity Group
11.00 am – 2.45 pm, Wednesday 8 December 2004

Regus Building, Trafalgar Square, London

Agenda 11.00 – 12.00

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising
3. Annual Stock take [EBG-04-11](#)
4. England dimension to UKBAP review process [EBG-04-12](#)
5. Date of next 2 meetings – 17 March and ...

Items for next meeting

Long Term Funding Options

EBS Indicators for 2010 targets

Refreshing the strategy for 2006 and beyond

Terms of Reference for workstreams (if item required) [EBG-04-13](#)

Climate Change Workshop 12.00 – 3.00pm

Aims of the workshop:

- To present the outcome of research on the impacts of climate change to policy sector leads on EBG
- To reach a consensus about what EBG needs to do to meet the challenge of climate change, through
 - (a) managing change and
 - (b) promoting effective action.

Pre Lunch Session: Science behind Effective Decision Making

12:00. Introduction: What is the Science telling us about climate change?

Dr Andrew Stott (Defra) 15mins presentation + 5mins discussion.

- Pressures on biodiversity imposed by climate change (uncertain and dynamic).

- Responding to pressures requires continuous review (Responses 'proofing', responses site management, responses landscaping and key points slides from previous presentation).
- Continuous assessment based on sound science and monitoring (refer to Hossel report and Just ecology report).
- Summary of workshop aims.

12:20. Modelling and the Development of Tools. Mike Harley (English Nature) 15mins presentation + 5mins discussion.

Update on MONARCH, UK aspects of Interreg IIIB BRANCH project, (ReGIS 2)

LUNCH 12:40.

Post Lunch session: Developing and Effective Response.

13:00 Review of the impacts of Climate Change on Nature Conservation Policy. David Webb 10mins presentation + 5 mins discussion. Papers EBG-04-14 , [EBG-04-15](#) What is the need ?

- What is the process?
- What are the products of the review and who benefits.

13:15 Summary of Link Paper. Hilary Allison 5 mins + 5 mins discussion. Papers [EBG-04-16](#), [EBG-04-17](#))

13:25 Discussion chaired by Brian Harding – 55 mins

Key questions to be addressed:

- What is the research telling us about the impacts of climate change?
- How can change be managed?
- How can we promote the necessary action?

14:20 Tea 10 mins

14:30 Conclusions and next steps Dr Andrew Stott 15 mins

14:45 Close