

Landwise Network Meeting 12th July 2019

Present: Dave, Kit, Dom, Jeannie, Jasmine, Katerina

It was noted that there had been a problem with an email regarding the meeting “bouncing” with a message indicating the files were too big. Jeannie agreed to contact Nick about this to see if it could be avoided in the future.

Name

It was reported that at the previous meeting, the name The Landwise Network had been agreed on as the name for the group.

Website Update

The next steps for the website were;-

- Identify users
- Identify proposed content
- Develop suitable taxonomy searches worked effectively.

A meeting of the website subgroup was proposed for Tuesday 16th July to work on Taxonomy.

Scheduling of meetings

It was noted that many people found Fridays difficult for meetings and there was a discussion on the best way to schedule meetings so as to be as inclusive as possible. A google poll would be undertaken to see which days were possible for most members. It was suggested that perhaps alternate weeks could have meetings on different days. It was agreed that there should be a regular pattern to this as a rolling programme would be too confusing. Additional weekend dates, possibly with a social/family or land work element could also be trialled.

(Action JI to request Nick organise a google poll)

Update on Hamwell Leaze Site

As some of those present had not been at the previous meeting, the Hamwell Leaze site in Cainscross was described.

The potential for outreach/local engagement was discussed and Katerina said that she had contact details for all of the local schools, if schools activities were considered useful.

It was noted that a template was needed to capture data on this and other sites and Jeannie agreed to do a first draft for others to add to/amend.

Group Aims

As this was a small meeting, it was considered useful to have a general clarification of the aims of the group and the activities it would be involved with.

It was agreed that at the next meeting there should be discussion/clarification of the zones and sub groups so that people could more easily “find their passion” and engage in the areas that interested them, rather than sitting through a lot of discussion on areas that they were not engaged in.

Homework!

Dom agreed to work on some design docs, Jasmine to research information on carbon sequestration and Katerina to assemble information on local schools. Jeannie would draft a land assessment template.

Date of Next Meeting

Pending result of the google poll, the next meeting would be on Friday as usual. This was largely because this day was available at the centre.