

ACTION POINTS FROM CUSTOMER REPRESENTATIVES GROUP MEETING

TEAMS Video Conference, Wednesday 7 April 2022

Attendees: Doug Howieson SF (Chair), Lindsay Bisset SF, Ian Cowe SF (Secretary), Zahid Deen SF (part meeting), Colin Hossack Forestry & Land Scotland, Keith Wishart SF, April Armstrong Confor, Andy Leitch Confor, Andrew Vaughan ICF, Gordon Gray Stephens Community Woodland Association, Rodney Shearer Confor (Nursery Group), Arina Russell Scottish Environment LINK, Jim Colchester Confor, Harry Wilson RSFS, Mark Hamilton Social Forestry, Karen Ramoo Scottish Land and Estates (part meeting), Ben Law SRUC, Duncan Stone NatureScot, John Gorman SEPA, David Hetherington CNPA.

Apologies: Andy Tharme Local Authorities, Andrew Weatherall Scottish Environment LINK, Gregor Caldwell RPID.

1. Future Meeting Schedule

Dates for future meetings were agreed as:-

11th August 2022
8th December 2022

2. Meeting Notes & Action Points

Welcome, Introductions & Agenda

- Future agenda item: Forestry & Deer Management in Scotland (DH and DS).
- Future site visit opportunity: Natural Regeneration/Direct Seeding & Seed Collection to be considered (DH)

Group Membership

- SF to invite Iona Hyde to the Trees on Farms sub-group and Roy Barlow to the Forestry Technical sub-group meetings (IC).

Rhododendron in Scotland's Rainforest

- Progress to be reported to the CRG when at the August meeting (GGS).

Forestry Grant Scheme

- SF to share best practice examples of schemes with short approval times – carried over from Dec 2021 meeting.

CRG Sub-group Feedback and Discussion

- Inter-agency co-operation – benefits of closer working relationships to be promoted to staff, consideration to be given to the production of best practice examples for HES, SEPA, NatureScot & SF (JG & DH).
- Link to Scottish Land Commission Interim Report: [GUIDE TO SECURING TRADEABLE CARBON CREDITS IN AN AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS SITUATION](#)

Casebook/Non-Casebook Efficiency Improvements

- UKFS review – JG offered to further support work going forward.

3. A.O.B.

Deer Management Project Initiation

- Distribute document to CRG: Finding Comment Ground on Sustainable Upland Deer Management