

ACTION POINTS FROM CUSTOMER REPRESENTATIVES GROUP MEETING

**Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD
Ground Floor Meeting Room D-1**

Tuesday 27th June 2023, 1-4pm

Attendees: Brendan Callaghan SF (Chair), Ian Cowe SF (Secretary), Chris Stark SF, Colin Hossack Forestry & Land Scotland, April Armstrong Confor, Andrew Vaughan ICF, Jim Colchester Confor, Mark Hamilton Social Forestry, Gordon Gray Stephens Community Woodland Association, Craig Turner Confor Nursery Group, Tim Hall Scottish Environment Link, Bob Frost SF.

Apologies: Lindsay Bisset SF, Arina Russell Scottish Environment LINK, Andrew Weatherall Scottish Environment LINK, Harry Wilson RSFS, Karen Ramoo Scottish Land and Estates, Ben Law SRUC, Duncan Stone NatureScot, Tom Turnbull Association of Deer Management Groups, Andy Tharme Local Authorities, Keith Wishart SF, John Gorman SEPA, Fiona Holmes CNPA.

1. Future Meeting Schedule

Dates for future meetings were agreed as:-

7th Sept 2023
18th Jan 2024
16th May 2024

2. Meeting Notes & Action Points

Action Points Carried Forward

- i) **Scotland's Rainforest:** Standing Item - Progress to be reported to the CRG (**GGS**).
- ii) **Sub-group Meeting Notes:** Standing Item – To be shared at each meeting (**IC**).
- iii) **Finance for Woodland Restoration:** Consideration to be given to forming a small discussion group with fisheries input. Group to consider how to access private funding coming in for riparian woodland management. (**DS/GGS/AR/KR**).

Welcome, Introductions & Agenda

- Note of Actions of December 2022 Meeting Agreed.

New Actions

FGS Enhancements

- Share proposals on changes to pre-application guidance (**BC**)
- Review newly published [Forestry Consultation and Engagement Processes \(forestry.gov.scot\)](https://www.forestry.gov.scot) guidance and provide feedback via IC (**ALL**)
- Share report on South Scotland Community Engagement Project (**AT**)

FGS Evaluation

- Additional information requested on evaluation of FGS Rhododendron Control (**IC**)

Forestry Summit

- SF to review data to assist discussions at the Forestry Summit - CRG supportive of need to agree commentary and analysis with sector representatives ahead of the summit.

A.O.B

- Members requested time at a future meeting to discuss:-
 - UKFS Compliance – 2nd Rotation Forestry
 - An update to WEAG guidance
 - An update to the P. Ramorum Action

Meeting Close