Local Action Group Workshop 2011

1- Programme

25-26th January 2011, Preston Montford, Shrewsbury.

Day 1

11.30 Registration and refreshments.

12.00 Lunch

12.45 Welcome – Niall Moore, Head of the Non-native Species Secretariat (NNSS).

13.00 Local Action Groups, the GB Strategy and the ‘Big Society’ (Huw Thomas, Defra).

1) VOLUNTEERS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

13.30 Talk: The Three Rivers Clean-up (Vic Richardson and Matthew Blumler)

14.00 Breakout Session.

15.15 Break and refreshments.

15.45 Summary of discussions.

16.15 Talks: Eden Invasives Group (Alison Reed).
Cumbria Freshwater Invasive Non-native Species Initiative (Rebecca Close).

16.35 Questions and answers.

17.00 Close.

18.30 Evening Meal
Day 2

2) TRAINING AND GOOD PRACTICE GUIDANCE

9.30 Introduction to the Training Working Group (Olaf Booy & Chris Horrill)

10.00 Breakout session.

11.00 Break and refreshments.

11.20 Summary of discussions.

11.40 Talks: Pevensey Levels Floating Pennywort Project (Jane Birch)
The Medway Valley Giant Hogweed Programme (Andrea Griffiths)

12.00 Lunch.

3) FUNDING

13.00 Introduction. Experiences of applying for and obtaining funding (Trevor Renals & Mike Sutton-Croft)

13.30 Breakout session.

14.30 Break and refreshments.

15.00 Summary of discussions.

15.20 Questions and answers.

16.00 Close.

- What training is available and from where?
- How do you find out about relevant training courses?
- What training is needed e.g. for biosecurity?
- Share experiences of good practice.

- Participants are invited to contribute to poster and leaflets displays.
- WiFi Internet connection will also be available.

- Discuss sources of funding available.
- What kind of work is most likely to get funded?
- Share other experiences of applying for and obtaining funding.
- Are there opportunities for joint funding applications with multiple LAGs?
- Are there opportunities for collaboration with universities/agencies/charities other LAGs?
- Is there a need for NNSS to list funding opportunities as well as volunteer calls, vacancies etc?

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