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Stakeholder Workshop Report

Bare peat discussion workshop

15-16.08.2019

Peninne PeatLIFE delivery partners



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Date: 15 - 16.08.2019

Location: Buccleuch Centre and Roan Fell, Langholm

Topic: Bare peat restoration

Attendees: 26 (see Appendix 1)

1. Aims

- Facilitate technical discussions around bare peat restoration techniques
- Share knowledge around monitoring, latest technology, contractor resource and management
- Identify knowledge gaps and research needs
- Discuss the Peatland Code and potential improvements

2. Overview

The workshop took place over two days at the Buccleuch Centre, Langholm with evening sessions at The Douglas Hotel and a field trip on the second day. The event brought together peatland restoration practitioners to share knowledge and compare experiences of bare peat restoration.

Following introductions, three peatland restoration projects gave presentations about their bare peat restoration experiences, successes and failures. Pennine PeatLIFE staff delivered a presentation giving an introduction to and overview of the project and the North Pennines AONB Partnership peatland programme, and described the bare peat restoration techniques being applied as part of these. Following this, discussions were facilitated around common problems and solutions, research and monitoring needs, contractor resource and management, survey and planning techniques and monitoring and knowledge sharing.



Figure 1. Day one of the bare peat workshop at the Buccleuch Centre.

On the second day, a field visit to a bare peat restoration site on Roan Fell, Langholm was undertaken and discussions focused around mapping, appropriate restoration techniques, the Peatland Code, restoration techniques and constraints. For the full event programme, see Appendix 2.



Figure 2. Attendees arrive at the field visit to Roan Fell.



Figure 3. The attendees on Roan Fell enjoying the Scottish summer.

3. Press coverage

There was no press coverage of this event.

4. Outcomes

This event raised the profile of Pennine PeatLIFE amongst a variety of important stakeholders, including government agencies, NGOs and potential future funders, and established the project as a leading authority on bare peat restoration practices. It was a valuable opportunity to exchange knowledge with other peatland restoration practitioners and identify common problems and potential solutions, which have been used to inform restoration decisions and improve the results of future work. The event was also an effective networking exercise from which valuable connections were made which have led to useful knowledge sharing and collaborations on future events and projects.

Appendix 1.

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Alistair Lockett	North Pennines AONB Partnership
Lee Rankin	North Pennines AONB Partnership
Robin Gray	Forest of Bowland AONB Partnership
Matthew Cook	Peatland ACTION
Ewan Campbell	Peatland ACTION
Stephen Corcoran	Peatland ACTION
Sue White	Peatland ACTION
Russell Hooper	Peatland ACTION
Rachel Coyle	Peatland ACTION
Hazel White	Peatland ACTION
Richard Cooper	Peatland ACTION
Susan Nicol	Peatland ACTION
Lucy Ballantyne	Peatland ACTION
Andy McMullen	Botanaeco
Simon Thomas	Cumbria Wildlife Trust
Heidi Buck	Cumbria Wildlife Trust
Ian McKee	Forestry and Land Scotland
Tim Cockerill	Forestry and Land Scotland
Abi Mansley	Northumberland National Park Authority
Emma Taylor	Northumberland National Park Authority
Katy Thorpe	Moors for the Future
Erin Madden	Moors for the Future
Peter Robson	Scottish Power Renewables
Sarah Rankin	Scottish Power Renewables
Catriona Burrow	Scottish Power Renewables
Matt Watson	Strath Caulaidh
Adrian Delby	Buccleuch
Barry Patterson	Buccleuch

Appendix 2.

Workshop programme



Peatland Restoration: Bare Peat Discussion Workshop

Buccleuch Centre, Langholm 15th - 16th of August 2019



Day 1	15 th August 2019, Buccleuch Centre, Langholm, DG13 0AW		
Session	Topic		Times
1	Arrival	Buccleuch Centre, Langholm (https://www.buccleuchcentre.com/) - Housekeeping - Aims of the workshop - Introductions	12:00 – 12:30hrs
2	Lunch	Buccleuch Centre, Langholm	12:30 – 13:15 hrs
3	Technical Discussions	Introductory Presentations; bare peat restoration examples from across the UK Technical Discussion: - Identifying common problems - Can we identify potential solutions based on collective experiences? - What research and monitoring is required?	13:15 – 14:15 hrs 14:15 – 15:15 hrs
4	Break	Teas and Coffee	15:15 – 15:30 hrs
5	Restoration Techniques	Technical Discussion <i>cont.</i> Using seed and plug plants to restore bare peat Round up of discussions and any other points to raise	15:30 – 16:00hrs 16:00 – 16:30hrs 16:30 – 17:00hrs
6	Dinner	The Douglas Hotel, Langholm (https://www.douglashotellangholm.co.uk/)	18:30 – 20:00 hrs
7	Informal Discussion Session	Group Discussion Sessions (<i>venue to be confirmed</i>): 1. Contractor resource and management problems and solutions 2. Survey and planning techniques – what tech is everyone using? 3. Monitoring and knowledge sharing – how do we support this?	20:00 – 21:30 hrs
8	End of Day 1		21:30 hrs





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Day 2 16 th August 2019, Buccleuch Centre, Langholm			
Session	Topic		Times
1	Introduction	Introduction to Day 2 Introduction to the Site, Risk Assessment and Health and Safety	09:00 – 09:30hrs
2	Mapping	Mapping and surveying discussion	09:30 – 10:00hrs
3	Travel to site	Pick up packed lunches (please bring your own refillable drinks bottles) Travel to site in designated vehicles	10:00 – 11:00hrs
4	Site visit (and packed lunch) Roan Fell, Langholm Moor	Led discussions on topics such as: - Appropriate restoration techniques – what would work? - Could we (should we) trial anything here? - Peatland Code - o How to develop this site as a Peatland Code project - o Issues/constraints to gathering required data for Code project - o Confidence in restoration success for the site - o How to make the Code simpler	11:00 – 13:30 hrs
5	Return to Buccleuch Centre	Return in designated vehicles	13:30 – 14:30 hrs
6	Break	Teas and Coffee	14:30 – 14:45 hrs
5	Workshop round-up session	Final Discussion: - Key points from site visit - Key points on Peatland Code - What next? Keeping in touch, sharing information... <i>[Lift to Lockerbie Train Station Departs 15:30 hrs]</i>	14:45 – 16:00hrs
8	Close of Workshop		16:00 hrs

