

## People's Assembly for Nature Advisory Group Meeting 2 Notes – Summary

20th October 2022

### Meeting Summary

This was the second meeting of the People's Assembly for Nature Advisory Group. The meeting was held online and had the following agenda:

- **Introductions**
- **People's Plan for Nature wider project update**
- **Design update followed by discussion focused on:**
  - **Red flags or key gaps for weekend 1 speakers;**
  - **Feedback on weekends 2 & 3 content focus**
  - **Speaker suggestions for weekends 2 & 3**
- **Update on the National Conversation feeding into the Assembly**
- **AOB**

### Meeting Attendees

Advisory group members: Aekus Kamboj, Sarah Hendry, Chloe Saltmarsh, Hedd Pugh (first part of meeting), Nadeem Perera, Nick Halfhide, Tom Chigbo, Russel De'ath, Meriwether Wilson, Anurag Deb, Dr Rebecca Lovell, Ali Morse, Miranda Geelhoed (first half hour of meeting); Academic leads: Pete Smith & Nathalie Seddon; Involve (Chair); Project team representatives from National Trust, RSPB, WWF & New Citizenship Project

### Apologies

Thomasina Miers (follow up conversation held), John Watkins, Tony Juniper, Sarah Royal

## Discussion summary

The Advisory Group provided detailed feedback on weekend 2 and weekend 3 which the project team will take away and work into the next iteration of the design. Here are some themes that came out of that feedback:

- Review the emotional and rational objectives for each session to ensure no predetermined position Assembly Members are being directed to.
- Bring in information around shifting baselines and explanations of different definitions and interpretations of nature.
- Give careful thought to the accessibility of content and activities the Assembly will see and asked to do. Need a balance between academic information and emotive response from participants; for example, the visioning exercise to ensure all participants can take part meaningfully.
  - Think about how visual and creative exercises can be brought in too.
- Ensure there are conversations around connection to nature and what that looks like in different settings. Have speakers from communities with different connections and levels of access to nature.
- Use storytelling as a powerful way to communicate information to Assembly participants.
- Consider a reframe of the final outputs of the discussions using the following:
  - reduce pressures
  - redesign systems
  - restore it
- Ensure consideration is given to what is possible in the devolved nations when explaining who is responsible for addressing any challenges.
- Review the overall split and titles of weekends 2 & 3 and review the framing that protected landscapes and worked landscapes are separate and include more on the complexity of choices for how land is used. Consider reversing the order of weekends 2 & 3 and framing this more as a spectrum of land use rather than clear distinctions between protected land and worked land.
  - Considerations of where seascapes and freshwater fit into this is needed too.
- How will the Assembly consider what impacts changes made here will have globally too?

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- Consider how the need for education around lots of these issues is built into the Assembly discussions.

## Next Steps

- Involve recirculate People's Plan for Nature social media toolkit
- Involve to speak to NFU Cymru directly for weekend 2 & 3 speaker suggestions
- Design team to reframe emotional objectives to ensure no predetermined position Assembly Members are being directed to.
- Design team to update weekend 1 design and speaker briefings based on Advisory Group feedback.
  - Professor Nathalie Seddon invited further input on the briefing for the introductory presentation Nathalie will provide at the Assembly.
- Design team to review and update content plans for weekends 2 & 3 based on the Advisory Group feedback and circulate an updated version ahead of Meeting 3.
- Involve to circulate presented slides and NCP slides and Advisory Group to share any further feedback or speaker suggestions.