

People's Assembly for Nature Advisory Group Meeting 1 Notes – Summary

4th October 2022

Meeting Summary

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

- **Introductions & getting to know each other**
- **People's Plan for Nature overview & Q & A**
- **Briefing & discussion on National Conversation plans feeding into the People's Assembly for Nature**
- **Next steps and communications**
- **Review & sign off Terms of Reference**
- **AOB**

Meeting Attendees

Advisory group members: Aekus Kamboj, Sarah Hendry, Chloe Saltmarsh, Hedd Pugh, Nadeem Perera, Nick Halfhide, Russel De'ath, Meriwether Wilson, Thomasina Miers, John Watkins; Academic leads: Pete Smith; Involve (Chair); Project team representatives from National Trust, RSPB, WWF & New Citizenship Project

Apologies

Tom Chigbo, Tony Juniper, Sarah Royal, Anurag Deb, Dr Rebecca Lovell, Nathalie Seddon (Academic Lead)

Discussion summary

The Advisory Group provided detailed feedback on the draft design for the overarching Assembly and on initial suggestions for content for Weekend 1 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:

People's Plan for Nature

- General support for the overall direction of the Assembly
- General support and interest for the project
- Encouraged to consider these key points:
 - Is the assembly trying to cover too much content?
 - Where and how are we relating discussions back to the global context?
 - Be clear about the interdependencies of people and nature
 - Avoid tokenism around diversity and inclusion in this space
 - Consider and be clear about where climate fits into these discussions
 - Consider land use as a whole and not just focused on food
 - Think about how to strike the balance between focus on individual actions and systems change and how questions of who is responsible are framed
 - Ensure the tension between different impacts of changes on different people are shared for example consider how farmers and environmental work can be brought together
 - Give careful thought to the use of language and how to get everyone to a similar point of understanding as well as avoiding any value judgment/bias in the language we use
 - Think about participant experience and how confident/comfortable they will be discussing these issues
 - Transparency of process needed including sampling of participants

Next Steps

- Project team to circulate slides and discussion questions for more follow up.
- Advisory Group members to share bios and photos for publishing the list of Advisory Group members on the project website.
- Project team to follow up with further information on areas requested including more information about the Planet League partnership.
- Involve to confirm Terms of Reference signed off with members who could not join the meeting.
- Project team to circulate agenda and information for Meeting 2 in advance.