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People's Assembly for Nature Advisory Group Meeting 3 Notes – Summary

22 November 2022

Meeting Summary

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

- Update from Weekend 1
 - Feedback from participant summary
 - Share visioning statements
 - Volunteering opportunity ask
- Outline of Weekends 2 and 3, and feedback received
 - Discussion with specific focus on Weekend 3
- National Conversation Update
- Logistics & next steps
 - o Observer opportunities & recommended observers
 - o Next meeting date: Updated to Thursday 19th Jan
- AOB

Meeting Attendees

- Chair: Involve
- Advisory group members: Aekus Kamboj, Sarah Hendry, Chloe Saltmarsh, Nadeem Perera, Meriwether Wilson, Anurag Deb, Hedd Pugh, Thomasina Miers (first part of meeting), Dr Rebecca Lovell, Ali Morse, Miranda Geelhoed
- Academic leads: Nathalie Seddon (first part of meeting)

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 Project team representatives from National Trust, RSPB, WWF & New Citizenship Project

Apologies

Nick Halfhide, Russel De'ath, Tom Chigbo, Pete Smith, John Watkins, Tony Juniper

Discussion summary

After hearing a recap of weekend 1, the Advisory Group provided detailed feedback on weekends 2 and 3. Specific comments on speaker briefings and speaker suggestions were fed directly into the Weekend 3 design document and helped shape the content. Here are some themes that came out of that feedback:

- Reflect on the transition from focusing on land usage to looking at diet shifts in weekend 3 to carefully explore the full breadth of solutions
 - Consider other uses of land and their impact as well as the important choices people can make
- Diets are an area in the broader arena of complexity where people are able to have more agency to some degree which creates a more personal choice to the topic
- How in-depth will the content go into the theme of diet? What speakers are going to present on this?
- Carefully consider how cultural and personal backgrounds affect diet choices as this can turn into a heated discussion
- Use a broad framework to set the context of land use, export/imports, country reliance and affordability - what does it mean for the food producers?
- Bring in information on energy and how we use land to produce energy, as there is often a mixture of energy and food production (e.g. solar and wind farms alongside food production)
- Use inclusion of water as an example to highlight issues of co-location
- Examine the complexity of the themes and the nuances of impacts on different groups

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- o Ensure there is enough time to adequately cover all of this as it will reflect the compromises people will have to make
- Consider the tensions between what people might want at the grassroots level and what top-down groups such as landowners might want

Next Steps

- Involve to share initial Demographic info with advisory group of Assembly members
- Design team to speak to Hedd re: NFU speakers for Weekend 3
- Design team to speak with Chloe re: Small scale horticulture
- NCP follow up with Becca Lovell for reviewing Q3 data