



## POWYS PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

<b>Step</b>	Step 8 Develop a sustainable Environment strategy
<b>PSB lead</b>	NRW
<b>Partners/stakeholders involved</b> Who has been involved/how have they contributed/ additional stakeholders	The initial discussions have been between BBNP & NRW. The other key partner is PCC however, it has been difficult to engage with PCC on this issue so far. We intend to engage wider stakeholders following further discussion on a way forward
<b>Scope of the step</b> What needs to be done to deliver the step?	<p>We have drafted some draft objectives that we believe will deliver the step:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Improving water &amp; soil management</b>  More use of ‘nature-based solutions’ such as Natural Flood Risk management (coastal &amp; catchment). ensuring mid Wales water resources are sustainably managed. Improved farm/ forest water and soil management (the proliferation of chicken farms is a significant &amp; growing risk in Mid, particularly where they are clustered in certain locations.) Increase carbon stores in soils in biomass</li> <li><b>2. Managing &amp; linking semi natural habitat to form networks &amp; focused management for key species.</b> Mid Wales is the largest (33% of Wales land Area) and least developed of the AS areas. It therefore has significant potential to contribute to this NRP aim.</li> <li><b>3. Woodland expansion and better use of existing resources</b> is an NRP &amp; Powys PSB objective. Mid Wales has significant potential to support more broadleaved, conifer and mixed woodland and contribute to improved biodiversity, recreation and a woodland based economy<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li><b>4. Maximise Renewable energy production in a sustainable way &amp; make mid Wales carbon lean –</b></li> </ol>

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<sup>1</sup> Powys CC are the first council in Wales to sign-up to a wood encouragement policy to help stimulate sustainable economic development within the timber/wood products industry and stimulate woodland planting.



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	<p>Mid Wales has lots of natural resources which can be harvested sustainably. The Powys/ Ceredigion PSB plans have identified that mid Wales has potential to be a net exporter of RE.</p> <p>5. <b>Increase outdoor tourism &amp; recreation venues and opportunity</b> to support the economy &amp; contribute to a healthy local population. The Powys &amp; Ceredigion PSB plans have identified mid Wales has potential to grow the outdoor sector &amp; adventure tourism to benefit visitors and locals.</p>
<p><b>Where are we now?</b> Current position, knowledge, information (timeline)</p>	<p>We have lots of evidence &amp; information from NRW's draft Area Statement &amp; the 'State of the Park' report. There is also lots of activity &amp; case examples amongst PSB members, NGO's &amp; private individuals.</p> <p>We now need full engagement from PCC so we can start to see the gaps in PSB member activity &amp; then engage more widely with stakeholders.</p>
<p><b>Activity since last update</b> What has been done to date?</p>	<p>We have tried to organise a second meeting but no traction from PCC meant that we decided to cancel the meeting.</p>
<p><b>Activity for coming 3 months</b> What do you plan to do?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Engage with PCC &amp; wider stakeholders</li> <li>- Collate current activity/ case studies</li> <li>- Organise a face to face meeting</li> </ul>
<p><b>Barriers</b> Is something/someone getting in the way?</p>	<p>It has been difficult to engage with PCC on this issue so far.</p>
<p><b>Issues for consideration by the PSB</b> How can the PSB resolve the problem?</p>	<p>We need to ensure full involvement by PCC</p>
<p><b>Emerging stories</b></p>	



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Good news stories, something to share, examples of how the PSB is making a difference.	
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