

**NOTE OF THE ROUND TABLE SUB-GROUP MEETING ON ACCESS AGREEMENTS
MONDAY 9 JULY 2010**

Attendees:

Gethyn Thomas	FERAC
Graeme Harris	FERAC
Stephen Marsh-Smith	Wye and Usk Foundation
Andy Schofield	Environment Agency
Matt Strickland	Environment Agency
Jont Bulbeck	CCW
Dave Liddy	FCW
Gerwyn Evans	DE&T WAG
Gerry Quarrell	WAG
John Watkins	WAG
Catrin Dellar	WAG

It was noted that some good progress had been made since the last meeting on 17th June. The group looked at each project in turn:

Updates highlighted

Project	lead	Actions
Fairy Glen (Afon Conwy)	EAW / FCW / CCW	MS to meet with Forestry Commission and Chris White next week.
Lower Glaslyn	National Trust / EAW / RSPB / GH	GH to approach Glaslyn angling club
Mawddach / Eden/ Gamlan / Gain	FCW / with help from SMS / GH	focus on lower reaches, DL & SMS to approach angling clubs again in light of Sustainability Committee Report Both SMS and GH had approached Marshal Davies who appeared to be very positive about potential access opportunities. DL had also talked to Mark Roberts who is looking into the potential of using Fishing Wales monies.
Upper Severn (Caersws to Pool Quay), Vyrnwy, Banwy, Tanat	Dave Proctor / EAW	Severn Trust Little progress - Dave Proctor had been difficult to track down and also the land surrounding the Vyrnwy is now up for sale.
Dyfi	New Dyfi Anglers / GH /WAG	GH to approach angling club GH meeting with Secretary of the angling club next week.
Cefni	EAW	EAW funding to install access & egress points this year.

		MS has met with Anglesey CC and identified an access / egress point but waiting there is a delay in implementation whilst the authority completes an amendment to the A55.
Dee (Llangollen to Farndon)	Dee Trust /GH	Maelor anglers' link SCW funding, focus on condition of SCW funding for multi-use. GH tried to contact the relevant person with the Maelor anglers but he was very ill so other angles need to be investigated.
Taff	CCW/EAW	JB to find CCW lead The feasibility study findings is helping to take access work forward. 2 applications made for Splash monies – i) Project officer*; and ii) Capital works – removal of weirs.
Tawe	EAW / GT in support	Pont y Tawe club, bottom stretch, canoe club proposal, presentation to Gower LFG from EAW, old agreement for access
Lower Usk (Crickhowell to Newbridge)	WUF	SMS to approach riparian/angling interests Merthyr anglers are content to look at increasing access opportunities. Some groups not content – discussions are ongoing.
Teifi (angling club's canoe club proposal)	splash application	AS to speak to angling club As suggested that this stretch of river be taken off the list for the time being.
Tywi (Carmathen to Llansteffan)	CRT - splash application £30k	GT to assist with SPLASH application No funds available at the moment but additional Splash funds may be available by the end of 10/11.
Llyn Trawsfynydd	CW / GCC / VW	Project in progress. Visit Wales tourism bid has been approved.
Afon Lwyd	WUF / Torfaen	Community based project, removal of some weirs for fish passage. SMS to lead. Torfaen on board. Some funding required for signage. Clearance of river banks, etc, needed.

*Gerry explained that should the application for funding for a project officer be accepted then the role should be wider than navigation issues. The project officer should be looking at the wider access issue – synergy with the Valleys Regional Park.

SMS noted that he'd met with Gez Richards (BBNPA) and they agreed that there was a possibility for a circular trail on the Usk.

JB asked if everyone on the group could keep CCW informed of their ongoing projects so that they can be in a better position to advice on ecology and environmental considerations.

MS noted that Defra are looking to make British Waterways a third sector organisation. The navigations would be run by the Environment Agency in Wales, England and Scotland. He also told the group that the Environment Agency website now features river level information for 18,000 sites in England and Wales.

The group agreed to meet again in September.