

LANCASHIRE PEAT PARTNERSHIP - Terms of reference

Purpose / role of the group:

- To promote peat restoration in relation to its benefits for carbon management, biodiversity, flood risk management, erosion control, water quality, fire risk management, landscape quality, natural beauty and recreation.
- To prioritise and facilitate upland peat restoration in Lancashire.
- To seek and secure funding for peatland **restoration** projects across upland Lancashire.
- To share relevant knowledge, information and research findings.
- To seek and secure funding for peatland **monitoring** projects across upland Lancashire.
- To work in partnership with organisations working in other areas to maximise the benefit from projects & R&D findings
- To work as an active member of the Pennine Peat Partnership

Membership:

Membership of the group is open to relevant local authorities, conservation agencies, rivers trusts, government bodies, private landowners & tenants, energy & water companies, grant giving organisations, landscape scale, catchment or other environmental partnerships.

Where funding is available, the LPP should be supported by a project officer post.

The role of the Project Officer is directed by the Partnership and includes support for meetings, dissemination of information, and the production and updating of the following plans: Comms plan, funding strategy, monitoring plan for Bleasdale Fells, Forest of Bowland Priority Peat report, West Pennine Moors & Rossendale 'gap' Priority Peat report.

Working methods / ways of working:

Meetings The group meets quarterly, with dates called by the Project Officer together with requests for agenda items. Standing items cover progress reports from members. Agenda and notes from previous meeting are circulated by the PO. Members may delegate to appropriate colleagues in order to ensure their organisation/interest is represented at a meeting.

Sharing of information and resources Currently the Partnership does not have its own website, however it does have a page on the AONB website <http://www.forestofbowland.com/lancashirepeatpartnership>. Information about peat restoration projects in Bowland can also be found on the AONB website, <http://www.forestofbowland.com/peatrestoration>, as well as on other member's websites.

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