

Summary of comments made in the field – Bleach Green

Ben Gill

- Use of maps, old photos – Ben Gill & Lake pre revetment
- Ben Gill – get on with it
- Break through in storms/floods (high water level)
- Create a natural channel- its an opportunity

Revetment – Anglers (Opportunity to work together with stakeholders & parties) – long term plans

- Proportionality of field loss (only a tiny bit of the field lost)
- Need trial to demo/convince
- Need cost/benefit analysis
- Evidence from launch point (where no protection)
- Erosion not gone far
- Cost of inertia – we need to speed up delivery
- Take evidential approach

Paths – put in alternative first to remove objections

Revetment – naturalness. An opportunity to plant willow. Shingle beach is very attractive

Marsh Fritillary

- Butterfly Conservation is acting in advisory role – retain their role as such
- Drainage could be reason for scrub
- Block drains first as important part of restoration
- Process of blocking drains = more a process than action
- Discussion about marsh fritillary issue

Single Species approach

- not desirable we've left the single species approach behind
- physically can't manage for everything
- could introduce, then pull back

Social Value

- important,
- probably more important than the physical actions done.
- Don't think about little projects, pull back

Visual impact of Marsh Fritillary Works

- Moving from natural (wooded landscape) to open intensive landscape (? a backward step?)
- Not inconsistent with vision, but not a big part of it.

Social benefits

- Big scale approach, don't preclude social benefits
- Benefit for Judith – Partnership more significant.

Big Canvas

- Lost naturalness of overall farmed landscape
- Re-gain: big vision / longer time span
- Part of a change in whole farm management not a short term vision.

FC Fields

- Why do FC own fields and not deliver environmental benefits
- Why a rye grass field
- Potential to expand woodland through new planting.

James – if you are introducing species here, need to get detail right.

Summary of comments made in the field – Black Sail – most wild zone

Grazing impact

- Galloway's thriving on this type of vegetation

Woodlands

- Planting inaccessible crags, ledges
- Volunteers, growing & planting
- Why would you not plant on crags?
- Richard positive about more woodland
- Why rush to plant, lose wilderness? to kick start the process
- Enthusiasm for mountain willows

Richard – balance between sheep/cattle and importance of environmental payment

Value of inclusion of School children

Back to the thread of Wild Ennerdale

Transformation of Upper Valley – Startling

Remaining Stands

- Difficult condition
- Could come back to bite us
- Renew felling to waste, ring barking or poisoning

Overall cost re regeneration – Circa £100/Ha, £50-100K overall

Sitka Region

- Resources limited, not objective limited (if we had more case we would do more)
- Spruce has no value & no potential value
- Discussion about de-commissioning plantation
- Managed retreat
- Could consider a website appeal for resources
- Volunteers & Regeneration – could plan and deliver a programme of volunteer removal

Impact of Grazing

- What's happening in exclosures
- Planting 7-10 years ago

Regen

- Worry about sitka spruce regeneration
- Some cones at 18 years tree age
- Worry that Gareth's 10K for 10 years might not be enough
- Beech & sycamore
- Small beech
- None planted since 1990
- What impact is this having?

Summary of comments made in the field – River Lisa – middle zone

A waterscape, inlet streams, removed more of streams and ecosystem, feel shape and dynamic.

Natural Channel

- Cheap
- Wonderful
- Model of everything you mean by wild
- Beautiful and free demonstration, every minute, what we mean by wild.
- Value of demonstrative site.
- Lessons in humility / King Canute

Middle Valley Landscape

- Woodland/sitka/regeneration
- Dynamism and open views valuable
- Do we fell clearings to keep dynamism ?

Prioritisation

- Spend in upper valley is more input than middle

Transition

- Transition between upper and middle valley needs decisions and perhaps design

Natural Process

- Wind blow = single event, can't witness
- River = constant and viable

Tree Regeneration

- Alder if seeds
- Rhododendron – remove
- Sub canopy spruce could be cheap to remove

Middle Valley – closer to vision than upper valley

Landscape issues around Gillerthwaite outgang- very visible

Role of River – filter debris, filter sediment

Woundell Beck – new bridge is visually stark at present Its the processes that benefits

Summary of comments made in the field – Cattle & Silver Cove

Green fields patchwork of exclosures to replicate, break up immense contrast between forest/open

- Range of grazing impact
- Mark's study – shows that cattle find flat areas and access varies across site.
- Inside exclosure – lower species diversity, could get palatable species
- Progress to woodland / succession still occurring but slower
- The past impact of conifer (needles/nitrogen etc) could still be influencing regeneration
- Heterogeneity to landscape important (topography/ habitats) if have their grazing, then its valuable.
- Focus on processes input, not just visual or vegetation outcomes which are short term.
- Retain no end point, keep focus on process
- Woodland – will regeneration obstruct open views to the lake? And so what if it does
- Species component - how rich and varied are the existing woods
- Even though continued grazing impact on trees, the site still shows the progression in that direction(towards woodland)

- Seed source of woodland obvious
- Basek of slope = progressing towards valley mire and peat development
- Regeneration of western red cedar on approach to Woundell Beck Bridge – felt strange
- Mature conifer very atmospheric
- Lower exclosures showed very strong, odd balance, felt weird.
- Impact quite great, impact challenges, expectations, we should chill out, nutrient shifts may change future regeneration.

Overall Comments

- there is room for everything.
- Definitions of value by what you learn – a powerful teaching laboratory
- Dynamics / variety of stakeholders / unique opportunities
- Vision sound and relevant
- Implementation weaker – get on with it
- Value of community/social
- Might slow us but speed up in future and cement value process
- Priority encouraged at upper valley, this needs the resources & potential of sitka spruce dominance a real threat
- Take care with single species stuff
- Big canvas stuff
- Access to Gillerthwaite fields, & informal areas of forestry tracks.

- Critical analysis leads as area from extremes – try different things

Vision Discussion

- “For people” – sound like a partial statement
- Its embracing more than people, not to do away
- Prefer word “Community” (could be mis-interpreted)
- Can be a community of life, community of interest
- Part communities, future communities – their ecosystem, how can we describe
- Prefer word “Humanity” but airy fairy
- “To Allow” – could be “showcase”, could be demonstrate or encourage

Steve – fiddling around the edges, worked so far don’t fiddle.

Keith – “People and Native Wildlife” as an addition

Ecosystem Services

In Text – interpret this term

Focus on what is specific about Ennerdale

More up front and easy to learn

Don't change vision but put into text in a strong way

Overall Comments about data & accessibility

- Monitoring/recording change
- Video recording/aerial photography/point photos (lidar data, artist etc) sequential photographs
- Accessibility and data
- Archives – value of engaging is high
- Voluntary role (Alistair may have web volunteer)

Wild Zones Discussion

Spatial framework

Some support for zones

2 upper valley zones may merge, not much difference.

Steve – “zones make sense, but more tightly defined as a tool for monitoring and evaluating progress of planning = restrictive. Difficult to monitor the ebb and flow of wildness. Wild zone typologies are different and map wildness, wild zone typologies can be repeatable and monitored.

Alison – could be a tool for visitor management and visitor experience.

Statements Discussion

- Need evaluation and research statement
- Taking experience of Ennerdale, promotion and campaigning
- Where do ecosystem services fit in? Could be an ecosystem service statement in both or ecosystem services could change. Food, water, farming, recreation and access etc

Recreation & Access

- Bullet 3
- Should make reference to the wild zones
- Different access provision/infrastructure to the zones

On line consultation – debate with wider audience

Feedback from individuals on direction & future & our Priority Actions

	Comment on Directions &	Priority Action
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	Future	
Jonathan Spencer - FC	Still cutting edge, shouldn't be More promotions valuable. 2 problems/challenges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sitka spruce • sheep 	Rather than clear sitka, could develop a use for existing sitka
Steve Carver – Leeds Univ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worry is still fighting a losing battle against sitka in 10yrs time. • Less sheep. • More research projects which are useful practically 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More repeatable monitoring, research opportunity with strong influence capabilities. • Use of demonstration project at benefit to tax payer
Peter Taylor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impressed by chat with Richard – open minded to trees & the shift to cows. Big culture shift, engages him as a farmer. Made a big impression. • Encroachment/hefting issue • What would happen if the weir was removed • Feasibility & impact 	A shift away from cows & no sheep. Re-introduction of something iconic Beaver, lynx, moose, pine martin “bringing something back- a big move either way”.
Tonia Armer - RSPB	Like to see more small mammals. Short of research on small mammals, short of carcasses for carrion.	Consider re-introduction of mountain hare or Black Grouse could be a tick issue.
Wills Hardisty – Tenant Farmer	Bigger issue about ticks & wild animals	Uses pour-ons treatment to prevent ticks
James Fenton	Grazing, how many deer to we	Sitka – remove now

	want, need to be more planned. Interaction of grazing dynamics	especially in wild zones. Young or old
Keith Miller	Endorse James comment about sitka, bite the bullet, go for it.	Shrub trees in upper valley. Interventional approach ok. Increase habitat diversity.
Alison Parfit -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationship, better appreciation about quality of relationships. Community - building this Bigger and broader recognition In context of being more wild 	Thought to notion of relationship – agencies/expand & ? who live here. Collective decision makes co-responsibility
Alistair Starling - NT	Step change in internet recognition of WE as iconic e.g. partnership enabled landscape management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must include profitability, sustainability in perpetuity Future funding + long term sustainability.
John Hooson – NT	Do we have economic viability research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concrete revetment ugly – could transform feel of whole lakeshore Should have a go at trialling removal Part of restoration of shoreline should be recognition of Anglers site.
Judith Weston – Tenant Farmer	Value of volunteers & their expertise. Thinks it will grow. Grazing regime is only	

	possible with HLS support.	
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