



Northern Upland Chain Local Nature Partnership

Suggested areas of work that the NUCLNP should / could be focusing on:

Suggestions collected at Annual Forum on 5 March 2020

Suggested area of work	Comment
<p>In recent months the pressure to increase tree planting rates in the UK, and England in particular, has ramped up considerably. In the relatively short time since the NUCLNP published the Investment Prospectus for woodlands, we have had an updated CCC report on the need for increased woodland cover, an election campaign where tree planting numbers seemed to get treated like bingo, and new initiatives such as the 'Great Northumberland Forest'. All set against the recent announcement that we have yet again failed to get anywhere near existing tree planting targets!</p> <p>I just wonder whether there is a case for the NUCLNP to look again at this issue, in order to further inform the really important questions of how we achieve this aim, and what sort of woodland we want to see where? There are still a great many blockages to getting trees planted but if we can reach a shared vision it can only help. The work that Nidderdale AONB is doing at present on a Woodland Opportunity Map is a really good example of what can be done.</p>	
<p>Tailor agreements to individual farms, what suits all parties to achieve best outcomes. Involve next generations.</p>	
<p>Develop links with Agricultural colleges to share practical knowledge about how farming and nature can go hand in hand.</p>	
<p>Improve communications between farmers and environmentalists so that they both see they are involved in a joint project.</p>	
<p>Educating conservationists about the realities of farming.</p>	
<p>Educating farmers about nature recovery.</p>	
<p>Less prescriptive across major areas. More individual . Advisory, not Prescriptive.</p>	
<p>Peer to Peer learning. Knowledge transfer. A trusted advisor. Benchmarking.</p>	

Farmer engagement starts with a question. "What are your hopes and aspirations for you, your family and your business?"	
Carbon measurement – Farmers need to know their baseline. Need to measure.	
Engage with health, education and private sectors.	
Mapping only as good as data. More detailed mapping and up to date data.	
New models – e.g. Community Investment Companies	
Stocking levels – Assessing carrying capacity of a farm in nature conservation terms and economic terms. Relating it to agricultural colleges.	