**GROUPWORK RESULTS - 10TH LOWESWATER CARE PROJECT (LCP) - 18th March 2010**

Small groups of 4-6 people discussed future actions of the LCP, who would need to get involved in them, and what obstacles might be encountered:

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| **ACTION** | **INVOLVEMENT** | **OBSTACLES** |
| * Continue communication between local people and agencies | * Agencies / forums like the LCP / locals |  |
| * More knowledge and under-standing needed of:   + Midges   + Fish   + Causes of the algae   + Underlying assumptions   + Phosphorus in sediments / P recycling   + Improved inflows / infl. Of channels   + Drainage | * Scientists * Geomorphologists * Agencies | * Funding * Convincing institutions and scientists that these are important problems |
| * Investigate potential for a communal sewage system | * Scientists | * Funding |
| * Update septic tanks if required | * Everyone in the catchment | * Money |
| * **Farming-related**:   + How can farming be supported?   + Encourage understanding of real cost of food production at local/ national/ intern. levels   + Discuss issues of farm succession and what en-courages farmers to stay   + Pay for public goods like clean water   + Source money from the ‘top’ for land managers   + Enable farmers to work on a basis of income foregone   + Agencies need put pressure on the govern-ment to obtain funds for land managers, better schemes, agency mergers   + Keep Newton Rigg College | * Farmers * LCP to influence politicians like Jamie Reed, agencies, and government (lobbying) * Powerful agencies that take things forward or offer partnerships (eg. UU could allocate funds for land managers – pilot scheme? LDNP could look at its policies and tailor them more to local needs   Shouldn’t LDNPA be on this list here? | * New farm payment schemes don’t support capital grant schemes (ex. HLS, but at a reduced rate) * Farmers make up only 2% of the voting population * High staff turnover rate in agencies   NB. Newton Rigg no longer supports the study of farming as it once did. |

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| **ACTION** | **INVOLVEMENT** | **OBSTACLES** |
| * **Related to population decline**:   + Encourage young people to stay   + Address demographic in-balances   + Create job opportunities for young people (eg. in IT)?   + Create incentives in the countryside for young people to stay, eg. clubs, football/sports opportunities | * Invite LDNPA to explain their policies on housing and economic development | * Housing policy encourages aging population and is ‘the wrong way round’ (ie, show need, then give permission) * No incentives for youngsters to stay (lack of provisions like football pitches, clubs, etc.) * Being in a National Park |
| * Use low phosphate products and publicise this as a good thing (eg. to hotels, schools, and tourists visiting the area) | * LCP & all in catchment area * Info from Coniston & Crake Partnership and the Cumbrian Tourist Board | * Knowledge of products * Funding |
| * Amalgamate agencies like the EA and NE [this may already be happening] | * Politicians, agencies, LCP lobbying |  |
| * **Future of the LCP:**   + Discuss how to take it forward   + Decide objectives/questions of future meetings   + Twin with other groups?   + Explore if LDNPA is willing to take it forward | * Need a ‘champion’ to lead meetings * Need money (eg. Nuclear Decommissioning Authority’s cultural funds) * Need clear aims and objectives * Local people/agencies (buy-in in catchment) * LDNPA | * Commitment * Voluntary contributions are rarely offered, so far. * Funding |
| * **LCP to produce a punchy report which will**:   + Summarize the research   + Reach conclusions   + Make recommendations   + Identify further questions   + Brings it all together and makes it known | * Lancaster research team * Local involvement if desired | * None |
| * **Use LCP report/findings to**:   + Communicate the project to scientists, MPs, agencies, and government   + Communicate LCP and its work to the media   + Approach funding bodies | * Researchers * Others in a position to lobby | * Time * We need to be able to identify the right Opportunities |
| * Explore opportunities provided to Loweswater if it fails the EU Waterframework Directive | * Researchers * EA |  |
| * LDNPA to lead community projects like the LCP | * LDNPA | * Willingness to support the LCP |