**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
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| * 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
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| * Investigate potential for a communal sewage system
 | * Scientists
 | * Funding
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| * Update septic tanks if required
 | * Everyone in the catchment
 | * Money
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| * **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
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| * 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
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| * Amalgamate agencies like the EA and NE [this may already be happening]
 | * Politicians, agencies, LCP lobbying
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| * **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
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| * **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
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| * **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
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| * Explore opportunities provided to Loweswater if it fails the EU Waterframework Directive
 | * Researchers
* EA
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| * LDNPA to lead community projects like the LCP
 | * LDNPA
 | * Willingness to support the LCP
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