

How might projects and sectoral interests be developed, coordinated and fed into the Joint Advisory Committee? It is hoped that this will be lead by businesses and the community, rather than by the public sector. One way to bring people together is in thematic “Forums”, as mentioned in the Appendix “Organisation Chart”.

Biosphere Forums will only be formed where the sector concerned sees the advantage of doing so. Where possible they would develop from existing initiatives (e.g. Tourism & Lifelong Learning?). Otherwise, people may be appointed by the annual event or Advisory Board to “seed” this sector and to work to strengthen involvement.

Initial suggestions are made below but are not intended to be definitive or exhaustive. The actions in the table do not constitute an agreed work plan and the list is certainly not exhaustive. Those which are new or would be significantly enhanced by the Biosphere are **in bold**.

Forums could help develop project proposals, identify resources to operate them and/or monitor the effect of the Biosphere on their sector. They would be expected to take a holistic approach to ensure integration with the Biosphere as a whole. Such Forums will have varying degrees of formalisation and will change over time. Topics could be combined in fewer Forums than shown here.

Project proposals may also come from individual businesses or community organisations.

Forum	‘Seeds’ or shadow focalisers?	Other potential participants	Relevant Biosphere Objectives	Scope may include	Indicative actions/ initiatives	Indicative outcomes
Agriculture, forestry and land-based industries	FUW, NFU	Welsh Organic Centre, IGER, WAG Agrifood, Will Lloyd Williams, CLA, Pumlumon Project, Transition Initiative	1, 3, 5, 7	How can farmers benefit? The future for local agriculture in a low carbon / reduced oil scenario	Food branding study; Pumlumon Project land management/habitat creation project Glaslyn/Bugeilyn; Local & ecological disposal of fallen stock?	Farming family incomes Food self reliance Habitat management
Tourism and recreation	TPMW, ecodyfi	Businesses including LyfiDyfi members, MWTourism, 3xLA	1, 6, 7	Local distinctiveness, Quality, Coherence	Marketing, IQM, becoming a ‘Tourism Hub’	Tourism spend Business practice

Business Development	WAG E&T, LA?	Machynlleth & Aberdyfi Chambers of Trade, ecodyfi, 2xLA, businesses, University of Aberystwyth Mgt & Business	1, 5, 7	Renewable energy, EGS, Creative industries, support & networking, local produce & added value	Generic branding mechanisms	Jobs for locals Quality of jobs Localised economy Businesses in Environmental Goods & Services Cluster
Lifelong Learning	Pathfinder (PCC+WAG)	3xLEA, Schools, Powys Training, CAT	2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9	Access to education & training	Pathfinder	People more skilled Training supports Biosphere strategy
Environmental Sustainability	Ecodyfi, CCW	RSPB, Wildlife Trusts, CAT, Transition Initiative	1, 2, 3, 6	Behaviours & attitudes, Habitat & biodiversity, Climate Change	Dyfi Footprint, Waste Watchers	Ecological Footprint Local environment protected Attitudes
Heritage & Culture	Bwrdd yr Iaith, Etifeddiaeth Dyffryn Dyfi	Tabernacl Trust, Owain Glyndŵr Institute, Cŵn ar Dŵn, CADW, Mentrau Iaith, YFC, Village Halls, Churches & Chapels	2, 4	Welsh language, Built environment, Contemporary culture, "Building bridges", Heritage	Welsh Language Action Plan, Cultural Audit, River Festival, Celebrating former woollen industry	Use & learning of Welsh Respect for past and each other
Sustainable Communities	CF/LCF, ecodyfi	LA Housing & Transport, ICC, Community Centres, TraCC	1, 6	Health & well-being, Housing, Travel, Participation, Community activities	Mentro Allan, Housing Renewal Area , Dyfi Travel Guide, Integrated Children's Centre (ICC)	Housing for locals Well being Sustainable travel options