RELU-RUF Social Learning Tracker/Outcomes

(from flipcharts at Meeting 2, 16-03-2011)

# Change in learning, knowledge, understanding

**Ecosystem Services & Spatial Planning**

* Ecosystem services
* Ecosystem services but not sure I truly understand it
* An appreciation of Ecosystem Services
* A greater understanding of the structure and dynamic of Spatial Planning
* Understanding more about spatial planning and its complexities. – Seeing how relevant ecosystem services could be linked to this area.

**Widening of perspective / better understanding relating to other topics**

* Crystallisation of ideas around supply chain gap analysis, and around spatial planning and development pressure… Crystallisation came from common points raised in workshops picking up on points made in academic papers
* Better understanding of the positives associated with farming in the RUF
* Experiences of farmers and growers in urban/rural fringe areas overseas (esp. New Jersey, USA)
* Connection of historical methods to contemporary processes
* A better understanding of the RUF and the problems of existing solid info
* The complex interface between rural/urban and between communities

**Policies / up to date knowledge and positions**

* Latest developments in application of green belt policy
* An updated understanding of planning policy

**Trans-/inter-/multi-disciplinary working**

* Different knowledge tends to come from other disciplines
* Applied to existing approaches
* Knowledge used in different ways
* A brief knowledge of academic workings and the advantages of multidisciplinary working
* Frank insights from practice – helps do research and writing differently (i.e. a dash of fresh thinking on top of experience)
* I have considered several aspects and published in them – very useful and greater understanding
* Reading material / listening to people from different disciplines = look at my own interests in different ways
* Has reignited my interest in project work!

**Other**

* How to extend [can’t decipher one word] experience to RUF context
* Sharepoint ≠ answer. Need good communication
* Allowed easy signposted access to current documents
* Pragmatism

# Application / sharing knowledge via new/existing networks and coproduction of knowledge

* Several already expanded our networks and membership through events/workshop. More to come
* Resultant step change in thinking
* Application of knowledge from practice
* RR06 [check this is what is says?]
* Workshops
* Not yet! Hope to use new info, e.g. case studies, in teaching
* What facilitates – Enthusiasm engendered from face-to-face meetings
* New knowledge: the workings of academic studies
* How planning can influence people’s lives for good/bad
* Use of Twitter to draw attention to online documents (via hyperlink); e.g. press releases
* Greater linkages with land use colleagues within Natural England. Linking with Green Infrastructure work, developing a shared lexicon within Natural England.
* Shared the work of RELU-RUF project with new set of Natural England staff
* Knowledge garnered, used in blog and referred to as examples in articles on new planning system, and even discussing a supply chain tool we will create and use as consultants
* Talking with planning officers more regularly has made me realise our aspiration for development are often very similar.
* Teaching my students about spatial planning more effectively than I could have done previously

# Barriers

* Time
* Time to discuss, i.e. not enough!
* Do we have time learn
* Different terminologies, language
* I don’t completely feel that I got my head around the changing planning area and feel exposed in this area
* Closed minds; i.e. too immersed in specific of own field
* Lack of discussion – even to some extent in workshop – of real life examples of RUF places and how policy affect them, what happens there, what works and what doesn’t.
* Past: slight lack of clarity about outcomes – clearer now
* Complex projects
* Lack of delegation; need more people with more time
* Too many stages in a project
* Too small a budget
* Short project and too ambitious for available time and money
* Disappointed with SharePoint. Don’t feel it’s useful for sharing! Difficult to use. Get lost in it, can’t find stuff. No real people on it.
* Authorship: Can we get accreditation for a publication within the project (policy briefs?)