

# **Soil Association**

## **Forestry Standards Committee**

**11.00am Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2004**  
**Bristol**

### **Agenda**

#### **Apologies**

- 1. Minutes of the last meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2004 and matters arising**
- 2. GMOs in Forestry – implications for the future of the organic forestry sector – presentation from Steven Gregory, Forestry Commission.**
- 3. Draft Organic Woodland Standards – issues arising from consultation**

#### **3.1. Scope of the standards**

- Are they holistic/organic enough?
- Felling and extraction
- Include the UKWAS and FSC standards?
- Include orchards, urban woodland, parks and allotments?
- Certification of woodland on non-organic farms?

#### **3.2. Conversion period/s**

- Should there be a conversion period and could we consider the following as categories for different conversion period durations:
  - Non-timber forest products (e.g. wild berries)
  - Woodland products (e.g. timber, charcoal)
  - Agricultural products (e.g. pigs)

#### **3.3. Management planning standards**

- NVC surveys
- Long-term management plan for the duration of the relevant management cycle
- 5 year work programme derived from the management plan
- on-going log of natural events and operations
- fire

#### **3.4. New planting**

#### **3.5. Lead shot**

#### **3.6. Game birds**

#### **3.7. Fertilisers and fungal stump treatment**

### **3.8. Woodland features**

### **3.9. Non-timber forest products**

**4. The new Sustainable and Secure Buildings Bill** – an opportunity for the organic forestry sector?

**5. AOB**

**6. Date of next meetings**