

Aims & Objectives Meeting

Date : 10/11/09 Room : B1.06 Time: 16.00

Present:	Name	Apologies:	None
	Helen Eatock – HE	Not Present:	None
	Wyn Grant - WG	Taken By:	HE

Item	Details	Action
1	The projects Aims & Objectives were relayed to Wyn Grant enabling an understanding of the project to be established and a request for information sources was made.	
2	Due to an increase in The New Productivism, which is an agricultural response to increasing food and energy prices and climate change, food security is a relevant current topic.	
3	Wyn Grant deals with political issues generally. Relevant studies w.r.t food security can be found at the following websites: http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/strategy/work_areas/food_policy.aspx http://www.chathamhouse.org.uk/publications/papers/view/-/id/694/ And DEFRA of which we have links.	
4	A key point is how future supply is going to be affected by climate change and areas such as: How will it affect current demands and patterns in consumption such as increased meat and beer consumption in China. All processes are water dependant, how will shortages of water affect production. The production of different foods requires varying amounts of water eg. Strawberries are a highly water intensive crop and water use in different countries will vary (eg hot climate, wet climate etc). More agriculture has become more irrigation dependant and there are various factors such as water supply, rainfall, el nino effects.	
5	Research carried out by DEFRA is relevant and influences government policy is a large way.	
6	Invite to presentation along with the other contributors	HE