LTMN First use of LTMN should be Long Term Monitoring Network (LTMN) has been monitoring for 12 years now and while our aim is to look for change on a much longer time-scale than that, we are gathering a lot of useful information. We wanted to make that available so have drafted up site reports for each of the LTMN sites, just using our vegetation survey data for a start but we hope to do something similar for other datasets if this proves useful. The report comes in the form of an HTML page which you can open with any internet browser. It is offline but we have used this format as it means we can include interactive maps and figures. Do we indicate that it is a work in progress ?

In future we will be adding the information from each survey to this report and making it available immediately after a QA process. We expect that the contents of the report may change over time and want to tailor it to each individual site so we have some questions to help us make these reports as useful as possible.

What are the key habitats at this site? or maybe ‘What are the priority habitats that management aims to protect or enhance ?’ Maybe ask whether they are aware of any significant changes in management that could have driven changes we see in vegetation? Is it worth mentioning that a land management protocol is being developed and their input into this will be welcome ?

What plant species could be used to measure the quality and extent of these habitats? What do you consider to be key positive or negative indicator plant species on these habitats, that you’d like to see graphically presented?

Are there any changes happening at this site that you would like the vegetation data analysis to focus on? Or, particular parts of the site that we could home in on?

Are our results reflecting things that you have observed on site or missing them completely?

We are also keen to explore wider opportunities for using this vegetation data and analysis, given the value of these permanent plots on some of our best habitats. For example, are there condition assessment attributes and targets you would like examined, if achievable through our data? Would you be interested in us obtaining Earth Observation imagery, to use our plot level results and perhaps wider ground-truthing with Collector App, to assess conditions and change at the wider site level?

We are also really keen to integrate our monitoring with any other forms of monitoring that may be happening at the site (e.g. moths, lichens). Do you know of any programmes that are currently being run or if there is any intention to do some specific monitoring? Now that we are in the third cycle of vegetation surveys on our sites, we are able to present time series graphs to show trends over time and we want to make the data as useful as possible. Please let us know if there is anything specific at this site we could focus our analysis on.

Finally, feel free to contact me or any of the LTMN team for any clarification on the report. We would be really happy to help and would greatly value any feedback.

Do we ask directly for feedback on the user friendliness of the reports ?