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AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AIAC)**

**FISA update November 2017**

**Significant matters**

1. Since the last AIAC meeting the FISA Steering Group has met on 6 September 2017. There are currently 8 working groups looking at specific forestry safety issues  
<http://www.ukfisa.com/working-groups.html>
2. With the articles and rules adopted, more time is spent in meetings devoted to health and safety.
3. Chair Alastair Sandels is continuing to develop plans for engagement with landowners; develop a standard form of contract and to develop ideas for the resourcing of harvesting during the planning stage.
4. Gillian Clarke (CEO) has been spending more time on site to help with FISA accessibility.
5. FISA has conducted a survey regarding chain shot and further work is likely.
6. The working groups continue to be active on a range of topics. New volunteers are always sought for the Working Groups.
7. **Safety Documents WG** –FISA Guide 802 is in final draft, sponsored by Trackplot. 706 new haulage guide is reaching final draft, sponsored by Volvo. FISA 301, 302, 303 & 304 of the chainsaw guides also nearing final draft. Drafts have been circulated to HSE for comment and will be circulated to AFAG members for further comment prior to publication. New, easy to print style.
8. **Communications WG** – This WG has merged with the Behaviour Change and Learning WG.
9. **Learning & Behaviour WG** – slow progress has been made in the development of safety alerts and the collection of statistics. HSE assistance is being sought to progress both matters although it still remains problematic.
10. **Skills & Development WG** –The group is working on developing a proposal for CPD and is currently in discussions with Lantra.

11. **Forest Haulage WG** – Wire Watcher trial will be run by the Forest Haulage WG over the next 12 months. FES re supporting the trial. Outcomes to be shared with the industry.
12. **Electricity/ Utilities Protocols WG** – No update was provided.
13. **Worksite management WG** – Working on revisions to managing health and safety in forestry.
14. **Machinery Plant & Equipment WG** – A sub-group looking at small forestry machinery from a landowner's perspective has been established. Current focus is on chain shot following a number of incidents. Also exploring issues relating to winching. Techniques for using machines to deal with difficult trees are being trialled with input from manufacturers.
15. Chainsaw project - fatalities within the industry are usually chainsaw cutters it's a very high risk occupation. A project brings bringing together a number issues around chainsaw use, including FISA Guides and competence will become one of FISA's priorities, with a clear set of objectives to deliver outcomes that will make a difference. The project will be specified by operators themselves and there needs to be a penetrating examination of how accidents are happening. Dates for some meetings with contractors have been set and FISA is looking for ways to fund the contribution of self-employed operators.

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