

Questions and Discussion

A discussion followed on the naming and registering of meconopsis. It is possible for anyone to name a plant, but only The Meconopsis Group can register it. Publication of a 'nickname' has the same effect as formally naming that plant.

Geoff Hill explained that we need a system to assess the plants. (He is in the process of producing a checklist by which all plants would be assessed). He emphasised that assessment was different to naming.

John Mitchell suggested that we have a star system so that The Meconopsis Group can indicate which of the named plants were the best.

As a registration authority we can indicate which plants are synonyms.

A point was made that when the group was quite small it was referred to in print as the Meconopsis Group. As the group grew its title became The Meconopsis group. There is now a tendency for the lower case the becoming used in news report.

Beryl McNaughton referred to the Thomson and Morgan advert for The Union Jack Collection where 3 plants are offered in 7cm pots as luxurious designer plants. The three plants offered are *M. betonicifolia*, *M. betonicifolia alba* and *M. napaulensis*. She asked if someone from The Group could write to them to point out the incorrect information. John Mitchell said he would try to do something.

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John then thanked all the speakers for their excellent talks. He looked forward to seeing everyone at the AGM on Sat 10th March 2018 .

He then hoped everyone would have a lovely Christmas.

Finally Jim Jermyn thanked John for chairing so many meetings.