

SHEFFIELD LOCAL ACCESS FORUM
Meeting held – Friday 4TH March 2016
at the Woodland Discovery Centre Ecclesall Woods

Members T. Howard; (Chair); J. Harker; H. Norman; R. Owen;

Officers: M. Hanson; (Principal PROW Officer) S. Beaton; (Senior PROW Officer);
K.Chandler ; (Secretary)

Guests : Paul Fell – TT & PS Business Manager
Jon Dallow – P & C Woodlands Project Officer

Action

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| 1. | <u>Apologies</u>

Peter Price, Les Seaman, Chris Prescott, Ros Hancock, Roger Kite, Richard Godley and Mike Johnson. | |
| 2. | <u>Minutes of the LAF meeting 19th October 2015</u>

Correction on Item 5. – a Regional LAF Forum which could also include North and East Derbyshire. | |
| 3. | <u>Matters arising</u>

TH suggested considering a Regional LAF based on Sheffield City Region | |
| 4. | <u>Poynton Wood –Network Rail Order</u>

Network Rail sent the Statement of Case to the Sheffield LAF re the temporary diversion of Footpath SHE/318. There were originally 5 objections to the proposals with 3 being withdrawn.
It was recommended that this LAF formally withdraws our objection.
JH had taken advice from the Central Rambler's Office re an additional path but as this was only a permissive route from Twentywell Lane to Dore Station and will only be closed for a few days, this was agreed as being satisfactory.

If NR do not keep to their agreement they will in fact be committing an offence (which allows SCC Leverage) as they need to consult closely with Local Highway Authorities and the LAF | KC |
| 5. | <u>Response to Butterthwaite Bridleway Creation Order</u>

Paul Fell - TT&PS Business Manager apologised for the delay in processing this Creation Order. He explained this has been caused by a number of Staff leaving SCC. Although he reassured the LAF that the new Transport Planning Team are up to speed now, with negotiations taking place with the Land Owner. | |

JH commented that the TPT has guidelines re the path's required widths but is there scope for a compromise? MH said the width now seems to be agreed at 5m and said he hoped that the negotiations re this will be agreed within the next 3 months
TH thanked Paul for his attendance.

6. Mountain Bike Trail Proposals

Lady Cannings Plantation

Jon Dallow – P&C Woodlands Project Officer informed the LAF that Phase 1 of the Mountain Bike route in LCP has been successful and is well used. Re Phase 2, he has liaised with PDNP, Archaeologists, Ecologists and met with the Hallam Riders Group. The Ecologists recommended a bigger corridor was needed as in 10m width, also the horse riding route required waymarking. Most of the tree work has been completed in the woodland but there is still some to do.

He said that they are trying to resolve the car parking issue on Houndkirk with negotiations with the local Pub to provide more spaces.

TH told Jon that he should involve the SMP and he agreed, also said NT has shown an interest. He also asked if P & C were planning to create a new access point off Ringinglow Road , Jon said not at the moment.

RO enquired whether there were any proposals to use the under used car park at the top of the Porter Valley but this was considered too far away

He said that he has to consider all users and he's happy to accommodate everyone's shared use and to put a recreational zone in place.

Redmires

Jon continued to discuss the proposed Redmires Mountain Bike Trail which will run through the woodland next to Long Causeway.

RO said that the HRG were invited to submit comments but she's concerned that their comments went no further than Nik Sellwood.

He said they wanted to reduce the pressure of cyclists going down Long Causeway. However as part of the Outdoor City Works he sees the wider area as a recreational resource, not just as a cycling area or horse riding area.

TH asked if the cycle track parallel to Long Causeway is going to respect the privacy of Stanage Lodge, as he has no objections in principle other than wider concerns at Lordseat where there is an Ancient Monument (bronze age settlement) and the area is tenanted. He answered that they were working in conjunction with YW in the wider area, but in the short term they are progressing with the cycle track in the woodland. It was acknowledged that Redmires is a honey pot site and the issue of car parking needs to be reviewed. JD mentioned HN has already raised £10K to promote the cycle route in Redmires.

TH thanked JD for his attendance.

7. SCC Land Disposals /SCC Owned Woodlands on O.S. - Update

There is no update re this.

8. Definitive Map Work - Update

Steve Tivey is making progress with the Review Work with some new paths added on to the Definitive Map. RO asked if SCC provide a form to fill in re Lost Ways as some Council's provide pro-forma forms. MH replied no.

9. Report back from Neighbouring LAFs

NE has approached all Local Authorities re future resources for funding of the LAFs, SCC has not responded to their request. PDNP LAF has set up an Access Fund of which the Rambler's and SCAM have made donations.

10. Sheffield ROWIP 2017-2027 - Review

TH said that his comments had already been sent in.

11. PROWIP Update

SB said he has been working on Section 228 Adoptions with 23 paths now added to the Definitive Map by Legal Event Orders.

12. Major Schemes for the next 12 months

SB is still awaiting suggestions from the LAF, MH said Minor Schemes could also be considered. There has also been an issue with many footpaths being waterlogged due to the wet winter.

13. Open Access – Update and Issues

TH said that the National Trust are in the process of taking a lease out for the area covering Burbage and Houndkirk Moors.

The Packhorse Bridge (a Heritage Feature) on the moor has missing flagstones which are now being replaced by SCC highways contractor as it is on a PROW.

The Landowner of Foulstone Road Bridleway is proposing to resurface the line of Bridleway at his own expense.

14. A.O.B.

The next regional LAF is to be held in Beverley and TH asked for volunteers. It was suggested to send a round robin email to LAF members. SWT have got a meeting with the Landscape Partnership at Bradfield, RO said she would attend.

Date of next meetings

Friday 8th July - Woodland Discovery Centre Ecclesall Woods – 2.00 p.m.
and Friday 14th October same time and venue.

