

**SHEFFIELD LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**  
**Meeting held – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**at the Woodland Discovery Centre Ecclesall Woods**

Members T. Howard; (Chair); H. Norman; P. Price; D. Aspinall; M. North; R. Owen;  
C. Prescott; J. Horscroft; R. Godley; R. Hancock

Observer- Jack Burling

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

Guest Simon Bownes – Ride Sheffield

Action

1. Apologies

Paul Fell, John Harker, Les Seaman

2. Minutes of the LAF Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

The minutes were accepted as a correct record.

3. Matters arising

TH said under Item 3 – the regional LAF Conference in Bradford that no one attended from the Sheffield LAF.

He also said that for the next LAF in February, that he would like to look at the Sheffield Lakeland Scheme and still pursue Lost Ways.

Item 10 - Report from neighbouring LAFs that the Rother Valley and Orgreave Bridleway still needs resolving.

Item 11 – Ellen Cliffe Farm, MH said that after much discussion that the offer to the Land Owner was to close the top section of the path.

This decision by SCC was via a Consultant who was mindful to have closure and with the Land Owner paying for this.

DA mentioned Woodhouse Washlands where there was proposals to form a route from Rother Valley Country Park to Orgreave.

Ted Mullins from the Rotherham LAF has voiced concerns re horse riders damaging the surface there and it would also encourage off road motorcycle activity. Perhaps a dual use footpath/cycle link may be appropriate with barriers erected at the Retford Road side. There was also concern as to who was going to pay for these works

An alternative option is to transfer ownership of the land to RMBC which DA said he had discussed this with Richard Pett (RMBC PROW Officer) who said it was a no go. Possible alternative is a footpath/cycle track but with no horse riders through the site, DA said old bylaw to prevent its use by horse riders.

It was agreed that the LAF supported in principle an opening of this link from Woodhouse Washlands to Orgreave for all users.

4. Parkwood Springs

Jon Dallow sent his apologies, therefore MH told the LAF he has liaised with Viridor who have confirmed their commitment (as part of the Restoration Scheme) to provide a network of paths across the site. The phased public access works are to start next year on a 5 year cycle. Viridor are currently having discussions with SCC Officers and Friends of Groups etc. re the proposals.

MH and TH are to attend further site meetings.

5. Redmires

HN said that he wanted to make sure that all was good with this site and had been raising money for the last 2 years to provide funding for a biking trail in the woods adjacent to Long Causeway.

The plans are with Peak District National Park and some tree planting is due to commence with both Henry and John Horscroft offering to take people on site visits.

PDNP are considering potential Bridleway connectivity, hopefully work can begin before bird nesting season. They are also planning to put horse trails in the woods which are all on tenanted SCC land.

TH suggested a LAF site visit possibly before the next LAF Meeting in December.

6. Cut Gate

Simon Bownes - a Representative from Ride Sheffield and Peak District MTB (mountain bike community) gave an overview on the proposals for Cut Gate.

This bridleway goes from Langsett Reservoir to Upper Derwent Valley.

This path is recognised as a classic route in the mountain bike world and it's also very popular with other users including horse riders.

Unfortunately two of the sections are prone to flooding and Ride Sheffield in conjunction with PDMTB are hoping to raise a million pounds for 16 different projects. They are using crowdfunding with outline plans provided by Moors for the Future, who are also arranging Contractors.

MN told Simon he would liaise with him on behalf of the National Trust (Dark Peak side) and to discuss further work with him with regards to SSSI's.

MN to be looking at fund raising for access next year and that he can provide a plan of ownership around the surrounding land.

MH said that the track is a PROW so we would need to be involved. TH mentioned that this is part of the Moorland Restoration Project.

It was agreed that the LAF support these proposals in principle and TH thanked Simon for his attendance.

7. Definitive Map Work – update

Beighton Scrapyard path- Legal Services have referred this to the Planning Inspectorate with the Public Inquiry date set for 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Great Hollins Wood – 2 Orders confirmed as unopposed, 2 have been confirmed by PINS with a Modification Order. Legal Services are also to write to Network Rail about the objected Order for the path across railway line.

A LEMO for the Stocksbridge Urban area has now been made (No. 68).  
MH asked CP and TH if they knew which Railway Act created the railway through Beeley Woods as Steve Tivey needs this information as part of his investigation.

8. LTP Schemes - update

Financial approval for 2018-19 Major Schemes to be sought in early 2018.  
SB asked the LAF if they have any ideas or suggestions that need improving. For example, any urban paths that need tarmacking or rural footpaths with ongoing surfacing problems.

TH said top of Limb Valley needs resurfacing , also Shirtcliffe and Wyming Brook trail paths

MN mentioned that there were quite a few areas in Stocksbridge.

DA said we could work with Sheffield Lakeland re this as a sizeable amount of funding is available, (also P&C have got Section 106 monies to spend on Poynton Wood.)

9. Open Access update

Nothing to report.

10. LAF Aspirational Routes

TH also suggested Fulwood Booth and praised Mick and Sam for doing a great job pulling this report together.

DA asked if any of the aspirational routes are on Council land.

11. Report back from Neighbouring LAFs

TH reported back from the PD LAF that Cut Gate was on their Agenda.

Also the Mend our Mountain initiative are looking for over £1 million.

12. LAF Member's Rights of Way matters

MN said the National Trust - Dark Peak have been approached to be one of the pilots for licensing events and activities on NT owned land.

NE have stated that Land Owners need to be asked about events on NT land and MH said that they used PROW's in the first instance.

MN commented that they've got to have commitment to Biodiversity.

SB said he attended a SMP meeting where car parking charges and event management were discussed and that there should be a united approach by all the various Land Owners.

MN also mentioned that the events are not well organised and some of them are actually taking place on the same day.

DA mentioned that SCC have their own events management procedures.

RO commented that she was organising a fund raising event which she had passed by the PROW Group but asked what period of notification is needed.

DA answered all these kind of events should be registered with the P & C events team giving them as much notice as possible.

MH informed RO that if an event is near PROW footpaths then where possible the paths should still remain open.

JHc said certain groups are being victimised and that there should be some kind of consistency with Land Owners and the PDNP. There should be a portal as a way of informing the public re forthcoming events.

MH mentioned that the second phase of the multi user route in the Fox Valley Development in Stocksbridge is underway. The route which runs via the new Housing Development then through the Valley near to the railway then down the access track to Deepcar. It is currently with the SCC Planning Dept.

13. AOB

TH asked DA what is going to happen when the Countryside Stewardship Scheme finishes at Whirlow Farm and Sugworth.

DA answered that it was now called Higher Level, and he will find out re the future of this.

TH requested at the next LAF (February 2018) that could Horseriding/ Cycling opportunities be put on as an Agenda item and to invite Keith Tomkins the Sheffield Lakeland Co-ordinator to attend.

14. Date of next Meeting

Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> for LAF briefing at Totley from 12 noon.

N.B.Next LAF 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 at Ecclesall Woods Discovery Centre





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