

SHEFFIELD LOCAL ACCESS FORUM
Meeting held – Friday 14TH October 2016
at the Woodland Discovery Centre Ecclesall Woods

Members T. Howard; (Chair); J. Harker; P. Price; L. Seaman; 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) Dave Brown (Principal Proj. Manager)
John Horscroft – (Ride Sheffield Representative); Observer – Colleen Eccles

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| 1. | <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Roger Kite, Dave Aspinall, Chris Prescott, Matt North, Ros Hancock and Jon Dallow (P&C Woodlands Project Officer), Jim Fletcher (Flood and Water Manager).</p> | |
| 2. | <p><u>Minutes of the LAF meeting 8th July 2016</u></p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a correct record.</p> | |
| 3. | <p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>TH mentioned the last LAF Meeting where we discussed the Wharnccliffe Wood Crossing closure with Network Rail Representatives, but we did not reach a satisfactory agreement.</p> <p>Therefore we sent a letter to Rob McIntosh - Network Rail Director, who sent a quite negative reply, so it was decided a further letter be sent to his initial response.</p> <p>The Forestry Commission were also to be approached and asked if they would grant walkers to use this on a permissive basis.</p> <p>It was decided to look at other alternatives of where to cross, TH suggested opening up the path at Holmes Farm then use the bridge over onto Plank Gate. RO asked if this could be pursued as a multi-user route, LS commented that we were taking a lesser option at the present time</p> <p>TH said that informal advice given on this matter was that we should find out who the land on which the crossing is on belongs to, which may assist us in making a claim on the 20 years usage to claim public status.</p> | <p>KC</p> <p>KC</p> |
| 4. | <p><u>Cycling/Mountain Biking in Sheffield</u></p> <p>TH is really encouraged by the situation that cyclists/walkers are aiming to work together and considered that conflict arose because of a basic lack of communication. He also mentioned a document that has been produced pro cycling and thanked Henry for promoting cycling through his role in 'Ride Sheffield'. Also TH thinks there is now a good relationship with PROW, SCC and other Land Managers e.g. Eastern Moors Partnership and Wildlife Trust.</p> | |

TH continued that Ride Sheffield has educated cyclists how to conduct themselves when out in the Countryside, with JH commenting that recent research evidence shows that the level of conflict with cyclists and walkers has reduced massively.

JH said he thinks there's a need for more multi-use trails (which was mentioned in the document 'Sheffield as an Outdoor City') with all user Groups having the same aim. HN seconded John's comments and added that there's been a great improvement over the last 5 years especially with the LAF welcoming cyclists and also by 'Cycle UK' promoting the use of the Countryside by national mountain bike groups.

TH asked if the LAF could take a more proactive approach by promotion of areas such as Wigtwizzle Plantation and Win Hill (Derbyshire).

John Horscroft (Ride Sheffield Rep) then gave an overview of the role of cyclists and his personal experience whilst out cycling in the Countryside. He thought the situation with walkers and cyclists has much improved with both parties having respect for one another.

TH thanked JHc for all his hard work that he does on behalf of Ride Sheffield.

5. Sheffield's Flood Defence Scheme Consultation

Dave Brown gave a presentation highlighting the options of various catchment areas in Sheffield. Every resident from one side of Sheffield to the other can have their say, with the closing deadline being on the 31st October.

The public can also make comments on the Website and all views will be taken into consideration e.g. there are approx. 30 options available being considered in the Sheaf and Upper Don Catchment areas but it unlikely that all of them will be feasible. When the final options are chosen they will then have to go through the Planning process.

RO suggested that the LAF should discuss this further at another meeting once more details are known and to put forward proposals as to where Rights of Way can be improved.

TH suggested to Dave that the LAF would like to take the opportunity to discuss the proposals nearer the time when the options have been narrowed down.

TH thanked Dave Brown for his attendance.

6. Definitive Map Update

MH gave an update re the Bridleway Creation near to Butterthwaite which is now moving forward.

TH said how much he appreciates the making of a Mod. Order for the addition of 5 new Definitive Footpaths in Great Hollins Wood.

RO asked if Onksley Lane could be designated as a Restricted Byway. MH replied that it had only been recorded as a public footpath as that was all the historical evidence allowed.

However if the landowner was happy to dedicate higher rights we would be happy to consider it. Otherwise any upgrade would have to be claimed by usage.

SB informed the LAF re various changes, Peg Folly track (previously Stocksbridge FP/19) is now Stocksbridge Restricted Byway 75.

Owlthorpe Lane Mosborough (previously part of Eckington FP/60) is now Eckington Restricted Byway 185. Cow Gap Lane is now Bradfield Footpath 215. Ringwood Lane is now Bradfield Footpath 214.

There are now new footpaths STO/76 and STO/77 added in Stocksbridge on Hunshelf Bank as part of a longer path that crosses over border into Barnsley.

Beighton Scrapyrd path – Order made, consultation period now over but one objection received, so currently with Legal Dept. to advise on the next stage.

Great Hollins Wood – 5 Orders for Footpaths have been made, with the consultation period ending on the 1st December.

Legal Event Modification Order no. 53 completed which adds some paths (which were previously dedicated on Council owned land) to the Definitive Map and Statement.

7. Report back from Neighbouring LAFs

Nothing to report.

8. Sheffield ROWIP - Review

MH emphasised that it's a Review not a re-write and he referred to one new Policy re mountain biking. RO asked if all User Groups have been included i.e. Horseriders. TH suggested omitting Policy 18 as there is no budget for producing promotional leaflets etc. also he wants to use the word – 'support' to attract interest from Volunteer Groups.

MH would like written comments by LAF Members to be sent to PROW before the 1st January 2017

9. LAF Membership Appointments

KC sent out an email to all LAF Members re their membership renewal and asked if they wish to continue.

The vacancy for a Horserider Rep is to be filled by Colleen Eccles., with the Landowner Rep to be filled by David Aspinall.

However there are still vacancies – 1 representing disabled users and a further Landowner Representative

Terry Howard was reappointed as Chair and Henry Norman as Vice Chair.

10. LTP Schemes Update

SB gave an overview of the recently completed LTP Schemes which are Beighton Footpath 90 off Victoria Road, Beighton, and Ecclesfield Footpath 161 off Ironstone Drive, High Green.

The Schemes currently in progress are Beighton Footpath 60 Delves Avenue to the subway. Beighton Footpath 94 off Rainbow Avenue and Ecclesfield Footpath 126 off Packhorse Lane.

11. Open Access Update

SB said that Dukes Road Bridleway work has now been completed by the Landowner, along with the same Landowner now undertaking work on Foulstone Road Bridleway.

Eastern Moors Project are to replace flagstones on approach to Packhorse Bridge in Burbage Valley.

12. A.O.B

Nothing to discuss

13. Date of next meeting

Friday 9th December – LAF Update - Cross Scythes Hotel Totley at 12.00