

**SHEFFIELD LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**  
**Meeting held – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**  
**at the Woodland Discovery Centre Ecclesall Woods**

Members T. Howard; (Chair); J. Harker; D. Aspinall; H. Norman;  
P. Price; C. Prescott; R. Owen; M. Fitzgerald

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

Action

1. Apologies Roger Kite, Richard Godley, Matt North and Ros Hancock.
2. Minutes of the LAF Meeting 12 October 2018  
  
The minutes were accepted as a correct record.
3. Matters arising  
  
TH has contacted Property Services re Whirlow and Sugworth Countryside Stewardship Schemes. DA also said he had but had no response. SB said all the paths are available, so maybe wait until the 20 years usage. TH concerned that the land could be moved on and that a new access point needs determining onto Whirlow Fields, which is why he needs clarification from Property Services. SB mentioned that all signs are there although old. JH said that all the steps are rotten on the permissive route. MH said that they cannot do any work because of the Whirlow Hall tenancy Agreement and many paths are permissive  
  
TH has now asked PDNP to include our aspirational routes. SB to have a meeting with Danny Udall re access on Moors Partnership land. TH is concerned that several paths are not on the correct alignment and that some permissive paths could be considered for change to PROWs. Also that there should be a co-ordinated approach across all partners re Burbage and Houndkirk and that a plan of all the aspirational routes is required.
4. Parkwood Springs  
  
A public consultation was held to show the outline planning permission and proposals for the redevelopment of Parkwood Springs. The plans were almost impossible to read and the paths indiscernible. KC contacted the Planning Officer requesting clearer plans and further clarification , but unfortunately there was no response. Jon Dallow said the LAF could comment on the next stage proposals. However a meeting is to be arranged in early March to discuss the Master Plan which TH hopes to attend. Matt Gregg is the lead Planning Officer for this Scheme. MH is involved in any meetings involving the path layout proposals.

5. Rivelin Valley Routes

DA to look at the Rivelin Valley Nature Trail as a whole for wheelchair access and he's going to liaise with Roger Kite and the RVCG.

He has already met with Roger and Graham (RVCG member) as they have been granted funding of £30K from the Lakeland Partnership. The monies are to provide improvements to the paths in the valley.

DA said he didn't expect the Group to get involved with machinery and chainsaws. He said he has a list sorted re Woodland Management, Bridleway requirements, improvements on the 'S' bend and routes down near to the Café. He also wants to promote the Nature Trail as a multi-user route and as part of the Strategic Woodlands and Trees Strategy, and would like to improve one Easy Going Trail per year.

He attended an Access Liaison Group and they're all in favour of improving the RVNT, therefore he suggests a site visit. MH agreed with this.

HN said a commonsense approach would be to review access for both horse riders and cyclists as there is good potential for both users.

TH said there should be a site meeting and workshop for a discussion.

JH asked that plans showing the PROW routes, along with RO's aspirational routes, should be provided before this meeting. HN offered to be a Rep for this as RK will represent the RVCG.

HN says plans should be produced sooner rather than later, with a view to discuss this at the next LAF.

MH and Tony Andrews are having a site meeting with the RVCG to discuss proposals.

6. Redmires Cycle Track

DA said outline planning permission is recommended re concerns raised, then to re-submit it. Feedback has already been received from the bird study group and Ride Sheffield.

Peak Park are involved but it has not moved on, even though NE are okay with it.

HN said he's disappointed to read the number of negative comments.

TH has also raised the issue with Peak Park that the Sheffield LAF wasn't involved in any consultations and in the future, if the area is in Sheffield, then we should be involved.

Also some aspirational routes need to be considered e.g. Lakeland, Redmires and Rivelin Valley area – use of Reservoirs etc. A mini master plan is required as concerns will be received from SCC, YW, Bike Track and Wildlife Trusts.

RO suggested an aspirational route from Redmires Plantation to Lady Cannings meeting up at the other end of Jumble Road

DA commented that the Duke of Rutland owns some of this estate and may not be happy with any proposals

TH mentioned that the Ramblers had received all of the finance to improve Stiles on the Sheff Country Walk in the Bradfield Parish. He mentioned that Rob Haslam has devised a 60 mile circuit route to Malin Bridge.

7. Definitive Map Work -Update

SB has completed the Legal Event Order for Bradfield, he's still waiting for Ecclesfield to be completed by Legal and now preparing a Legal Event Order for Sheffield.

TH commented that this forms part of the PROWIP.

JH enquired re the progress of the Baldwins Omega site and MH said that he had a meeting with the current owner to give him the opportunity to give his side of the story. The owner is intending to obtain legal evidence to prove that it's never been a public route. JH said the Deregulation Act will start kicking in so they can appeal to the Magistrates Court and from the Applicant's point of view this is not good.

He would recommend the applicant to apply to the Secretary of State against non determination and maybe this would mean a 6 week turnaround.

Also that PROW had twelve months to make a decision so an Order should have been made. MH replied that PROW will make a determination within the prescribed time limit. However the Land Owner insists he never received a letter re the proposals that the Applicant allegedly sent to him and MH needs evidence that the letter was sent.

8. LTP Schemes – update

SB said all schemes are completed and that we hadn't used the contingency Budget which will be rolled forward onto next year. He has got all the Scheme quotes and can raise Orders once approval is given.

9. Open Access – Update and Issues

Nothing to report re Open Access, but it was mentioned that Cutgate is now being looked at as a whole project. HN said most of the money has been raised now only short of £7K.

10. LAF Aspirational Routes

TH suggested that the routes are put on plans and that he'd like a copy for SMP as Redmires and Rud Hill are now included. HN mentioned that the conduit from Crimicar Lane to Blackbrook would make a good Easy Going Trail. RO wants a route from Soughley Lane to Lodgemoor Lane, but DA thought the route was too narrow.

11. Report back from Neighbouring LAFs

JH attended the Rotherham LAF where the proposed Bridleway off Waverley Lane – linking Poplar Way and Europa Link was discussed.

He asked about a through route parallel to the railway line up to the roundabout, with a Public Bridleway from Handsworth, by the Advanced Manufacturing site then on to Woodhouse Mill.

Also the Woodhouse Washlands path is going to be upgraded to a Bridleway to Beighton. He mentioned that Richard Pett has proposals to turn the old Tinsley Marshalling yard into a Green Lane.

TH has been invited to the launch of the Project - Miles without Stiles produced by the Peak Park, the booklet features a couple of Sheffield walks.

12. Future of the Regional LAF

The Lincoln and North Humber LAF is going to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> March in the Leeds Civic Hall. TH asked if there were any volunteers from our LAF who would like to attend. Unfortunately not, therefore JH who is going as the Rep for the Rotherham LAF, was also asked to represent the Sheffield LAF as well.

TH thanked JH for his attendance of this.

The LAF would like to see a cut off date of 2026 for lost ways either abandoned or delayed indefinitely.

TH commented that the Sheffield LAF has more in common with the Peak District LAF re the regions. MF said she's willing to attend the Regional LAF in the future when she has more time.

13. LAF Members Rights of Way matters

RO asked SB re the resurfacing of the tarmac Bridleway which goes down the side of Allen Syke Farm. SB replied that this involves removing loads of trees. Therefore is going to resurface with a better grip as Horse Riders are worried re the condition on some tarmac roads.

14. A.O.B

Parkwood Springs Meeting has been delayed, with LS saying some more detailed maps are required.

15. Date of next Meetings

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at Ecclesall Woods Discovery Centre at 2.00 p.m.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

N.B. December update Meeting - date to be determined.

