

SHEFFIELD LOCAL ACCESS FORUM
Meeting held – Friday 29th June 2018
at the Woodland Discovery Centre Ecclesall Woods

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

Officers M. Hanson; (Principal PROW Officer) S. Beaton; (Senior PROW Officer)
P. Fell ; (S T & I Business Manager) K. Chandler ; (Secretary)

Guest Keith Tomkins – SWT Lakeland Development Co-ordinator

Action

1. Apologies
Matt North, Ros Hancock, John Horscroft, Melanie FitzGerald; Richard Godley
Pau Fell informed the LAF that he was retiring from the Council as of July.
2. Minutes of the LAF Meeting February 23rd 2018
These were agreed as a correct record.
3. Matters arising

TH said that there had been a Regional LAF Meeting but was unsure of the outcome.
DA mentioned that the Redmires Bike Trail was still ongoing and SCC has business case for four Capital Projects with work hoping to begin in spring of next year. RK asked if there were any plans available to view re this development. DA said it was an extreme high adrenalin bike track.
RK then asked if it was a Public Bridleway or Cycle Track, TH commented that the LAF should have had input into this.
4. Sheffield Lakeland Project

Keith said that he's 99% sure that the Lottery Funding will begin in September to allow for a start date on 1st November.
There are initially twenty separate sub projects which will break down into further smaller projects. He has liaised with Sheffield Hallam University re the repairs and restoration of Redmires conduit. The Partnership is also looking to improve Loxley Valley including Langsett and Loxley Reservoirs. Also YW are proposing to put a low level walking route around Langsett.
However there's no current plans to work with Moors for the Future or SMP.
TH asked if they could take on lost ways and Keith said no. TH also mentioned that the Project has missed a considerable piece of land that goes down into Howden Reservoir.
RO asked re the volunteers and who's going to supervise them?
He replied that they will employ a Partnership Officer to support the Groups.
MH asked what is the biggest areas that monies are being spent on.
It is basically, the first year- Ewden Valley, the second year- Agden and the third year – Rivelin and Redmires.
Also there is work to create a Midhope Nature Reserve to carry out wildlife projects and some tree planting and clearance required.

TH thanked Keith for his attendance.

5. Sheffield Moors Partnership

Various LAF Members voiced their concerns about the deer management and raves taking place on the Moors.

NT are looking at a radical landscape Project, also to discuss how Brexit will protect National Parks and AONB

TH commented that SMP were very useful, DA said that there should be a time when they all come together as one Partnership.

SB mentioned Cut Gate Bridleway and that Moors for the Future has set up a Steering Group.

HN mentioned a multi-agency (Moors for the future and PDNP) attempt to stop the erosion of moorland area referred to as 'Mend our Mountains'.

Their aim is to raise £75K to improve Cut Gate and he said donations are welcome until Oct. 2018 or until the funding target has been reached by BMT. Also that he will continue to keep the LAF updated.

6. Parkwood Springs

TH is hoping to arrange a site Meeting with Viridor to inspect the Parkwood Springs site as he says the views are spectacular. Possible visit to include the Ski Village and for KC to email various dates for the visit to the LAF members.

7. Definitive Map Work - update

SB has finished Mod. Order 72 for Bradfield and is now preparing one for the Sheffield area.

The Beighton scrapyard Public Enquiry is still awaiting written

Representatives decision based on evidence provided from both sides.

There is an updated User Evidence Form on the SCC Website with updated GDPR information.

The HRG have requested that the end of Houndkirk Road down towards Blackamoor to be dedicated as a Restricted Byway. PROW have contacted Property Services re this.

JH asked if Schedule 14 re the Baldwin's Omega site had moved on any further. PROW have asked for a meeting with the developer and the Planning Officer and he's going to inform the applicant.

HN voiced his concerns re the use of Cut Gate Bridleway by motorbikes, as he witnessed about 15-20 motorbikes using this.

8. LTP Schemes - update

SB advised Members to think about Major Schemes for next year. Although the majority of the Budget needs to be on urban landscapes.

DA suggested Rivelin Valley Nature Trail needs improvement for wheelchair users. TH said that RVNT could be put on the next LAF Agenda.

9. Open Access – update and issues

SB said Access Land at Holdworth (part of the Sheffield Country Walk), there's been a fence erected and PROW have amended the Definitive Map to show this.

DA asked if there was an Agreement for Countryside Stewardship Schemes as he can't find out any information and there appears to be no copies or evidence available.

TH answered that they were advertised on site with renewals required every ten years.

JH said why not approach Whirlow Hall Farm Trust re the public access.

SB said maybe looking at the erection of Signs on site.

10. LAF Aspirational Routes

Nothing to report.

11. Report back from Neighbouring LAFS

JH mentioned that Woodhouse Mill Recreation Ground is to be improved. SCC can approve dedication as the Land Owner for a Pegasus Crossing on the Sheffield side. RO said that the BHS would provide funding for it to be made into a Bridleway. DA said maybe this issue could be discussed at another time. JH said there should be provision for a Bridleway at the bottom of Waverley Lane (part of the McLaren Homes development).

12. LAF Members -Rights of Way matters

TH discussed the railway crossing near the Footpath from Morehall, Wharncliffe up to Holmes Farm which is on Open Access land. He had contacted Phil Sykes at Network Rail and unfortunately not got the response he'd hoped for. He asked for the LAF's input to move this forward and maybe liaise with Barnsley Council. It was agreed that TH contact Tony Hunt (Barnsley LAF Chair).

HN commented that Sustrans own a tremendous amount of bridges.

JH asked MH if there was any progress re the Bridleway from Butterthwaite Road to Loicher Lane. MH said it was awaiting a final signature, but the Land Owner now requires extra work to be done to allow access to his site.

13. A.O.B

HN informed the LAF re proposals to promote the Peak Bike Code with the possibility of beer mats being produced saying Be Nice – Say Hi. The LAF supported this.

TH asked the LAF Members if we should alter Meeting dates to two meetings and one Christmas meeting e.g. late March/late September to include Access Site visits. It was decided to leave the Meeting dates as they are.

14. Date of future Meetings.

Friday 12th October at Ecclesall Woods Discovery Centre at 2.00 pm.

December update meeting to be confirmed.

Then the next LAF Meeting is Friday 22nd February 2019

