

SHEFFIELD LOCAL ACCESS FORUM
Meeting held – Friday 18th October 2019
at the Woodland Discovery Centre Ecclesall Woods

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

Officers M. Hanson (Principal PROW Engineer) S. Beaton; (Senior PROW Officer) S. Botterill; (Team Manager Scheme Design); K. Chandler (Secretary).

1.	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Action</u>
	Les Seaman, Henry Norman, Matt North, Richard Godley, John Horscroft.	
2.	<u>Minutes of the LAF Meeting 14TH June 2019</u>	
	Page 1- add the word 'possible' re JH comment on the LAF Regional Meeting in Leeds Page 4 – TH wants the comment 're a consultant 'removed.	
3.	<u>Matters arising</u>	
	The Chair said that we still need to have the previously agreed meeting with RVCG and other users. It was also mentioned about the narrow collapsed path near the 'S' bend.	
	The LAF still need further information re the application of the burial ground at Riggs High Road, MH to look into this.	
	The Developer of the Baldwins Omega site is prepared to dedicate the route as a shared Footpath/Cycletrack. Although he has asked for more time to instigate this, as he says there is asbestos on the site and it is dangerous. SCC could make an Order based on the Claim Forms, but MH said this Order will be made eventually. JH concerned that the Developer could just build over the site and it could be too late for any changes. S Bt said this couldn't be done without Planning consultation.	
	TH said the Ramblers were planning a publicity launch re the implementation of the recent stiles throughout Sheffield.	
	It was discussed that there is no budget for Aspirational Routes but other funding bodies could be contacted. MH said although money is an issue that time is the biggest problem, as PROW haven't the time to progress these, so it's really a non starter.	
	DA informed the LAF that in the next two months work will start on clear felling a number of compartments on forestry sites. These are Agden Side, Doe House plantation and Thomson House plantation. Also Agden Rocher and Dale Dyke maybe to start in November and finish in February.	
	Hidden histories are looking at archaeological Projects which may possibly	

lead to horse riding opportunities.

4. Update on Sheffield Lakeland Partnership Projects

The LLP has thanked the Ramblers and Sam Beaton for all the effort and support of their Schemes. CP asked if there's potential to develop more of the Redmires area. DA mentioned there were problems with YWA Engineers reluctant to work near to the dams. But there could be a possible link between the second and third dams on the southern side of Redmires.

DA also said the area was sensitive because of water voles.

TH commented that the PDNP are looking at this area for a Miles without Stiles Project to be considered for over the dam wall.

5. Update on Lost Ways

RO said a colleague had sent a letter out re Harehills Lane.

TH said the Ramblers were investigating Parson Piece at Moscar and a path at Wharnccliffe side. Peak and Northern Footpaths have offered their help.

There's also user evidence of a Public Bridleway that goes over to Barnsley.

The PROW was created from A628 to Holmes Farm then onto Wharnccliffe Side. CP commented that the Upper Don Trust were looking into this area to create a new route

6. Definitive Map work - update

SB said the DMMO for Ronksley Lane to record a Restricted Byway has been made. The deadline for objections is 28th October 2019, however no objections have been received so far.

There has been a Sheffield area LEMO made, along with Modification Order No. 77. Also Stocksbridge area Legal Event Modification Order is now with Legal Services to make. He is now preparing a Legal Event Modification Order for the North East Derbyshire area.

A new Public Footpath has been dedicated on Sheffield Council owned land. Sheffield Footpath 681 runs from the end of Spring Close Court to Sheffield Footpath 331 in the Gleadless Valley area.

JH asked SB if the Footpath on Carbrook Ravine was going to be added, he answered that he was liaising with SWT to bring this up to standard.

He is optimistic that this will be okayed. DA asked if the Ravine belonged to SCC and leased to SWT

7. LTP Schemes - update

Tarmacking and flex-tarmacking works will be started and completed on six paths within November '19. Estimate for replacement steps on Sheffield Footpath 386 (Barkby Road to Fife Street path) is being provided very soon. However if the Sheffield Footpath 386 steps project comes in on or under budget, then the crusher run surfacing work planned for Summer 2020 on four paths will happen as planned. Otherwise the Summer 2020 planned programme will need to be reviewed.

BRA/153 footpath – this area has previously been damaged by cattle

poaching in the past so LLP have improved this area with a stone track which should be finished later this year.
PROW are to erect a kissing gate on Agden Side road.
TH mentioned that PP have got an Access Fund and our LAF could possibly benefit from this.

8. Open Access – update and issues

SB confirmed that the Cut Gate Bridleway, the Bog of Doom and North America Circuit works will be started in November 2019 and completed by April 2020 by Moors for the Future.
He has also discussed with Sue Smith of PP re the installation of kissing gates on CROW Access Land
Bradfield Footpath 153 on Cowell Flat Access Land, that the Footpath and drainage works have been carried out by Sheffield Lakeland Partnership were almost completed but not quite.

9. Report back from Neighbouring LAFs

JH mentioned the new route at Woodhouse Washlands which crosses over to the TPT in Beighton. RMBC are to surface the path with crushed stone
He said there needs to be an access point on Retford Road to connect to the TPT with a bridge across washlands that needs to be replaced.

10. LAF Members Rights of Way matters

There has been several Stakeholder meetings re the derelict Hepworth site at Loxley Valley, the land has been recently bought by Bovis Homes.
JH concerned that the LAF haven't been consulted, but he rang CPRE to enquire re the latest situation and he is being informed re the next meeting. However MH has had some input into this via the Planners, even though he only heard about it late in the day. JH volunteered to attend the next Stakeholder meeting with SB to attend meeting re the outline planning permission.
There is a rumour that a shared footpath/cycle track through the development is to be considered as a shared transport link. TH said we must be more proactive re these developments which are proposed without consulting the LAF. PP advised TH to contact the Cabinet Member – Bob Johnson.
Also members can access the SCC online Planning Portal for further info.

11. LAF Membership

KC sent an email to the current LAF Members as the 3 year renewal date is up soon. There was a good response with the majority still wishing to attend. We are currently short of 2 or 3 members representing various User Groups. MH said contact KC if you know anyone who is interested in joining.
JH suggested a Representative from the CPRE who is a good 'all rounder'. CP has a possible candidate as he knows someone with disability /access issues. TH supported JH and said he's concerned that 2 vacancies still exist, but he has someone in mind. The Chair thanked Ros Hancock who has now resigned.

12. M. Hanson

Mick announced his retirement in December from SCC after fifty years. He thanked the LAF for all their support, effort and what the LAF has achieved. TH offered a sincere thank you for all Mick's years of service. JH asked where does that leave PROW losing a Senior Officer. SBt said now that Mick has put his resignation in and as part of the Achieving Change process, vacancies will have to be discussed in the future.

13 A.O.B.

Nothing to report.

14. Date of next Meeting

Friday 14TH February 2020- Ecclesall Woods Discovery Centre at 2.00 p.m.

