

SHEFFIELD LOCAL ACCESS FORUM
Meeting held – Friday 14th June 2019
at the Woodland Discovery Centre Ecclesall Woods

Members T. Howard; (Chair); J. Harker; D. Aspinall; P. Price; L. Seaman; J. Horscroft ;
M. North; R. Owen; M. Fitzgerald

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

Action

1.

Apologies
2. Mick Hanson, Chris Prescott, Henry Norman and Ros Hancock.

Minutes of the LAF Meeting 22 February 2019

3. The minutes were accepted as a correct record.

Matters arising

SB had a meeting with Danny Udall from EMP and they discussed high priority routes for EMP. These are Burbage to Higger Tor, Cairn path and a stream side path at the bottom of Burbage Valley. The Cairn path could possibly be considered as a potential permissive Bridleway. Also the path up to Carl Wark from the bottom of the Valley.

Rivelin Valley meeting has still not taken place, but LAF has to arrange this. DA said we must put it on the to do list.

RK said he had a good meeting with Mick and Tony, also with the Lakeland Partnership and that anyone can attend the next meeting. TH said that the LAF Members should be informed when a date is set.

Item 6 – Redmires Cycle Track

John Hc mentioned that the Ecology Team had come up with a new proposal. However Jon Dallow said they should meet with the local residents and also with the Stanage Forum and SWT, as to how this would affect the Track.

John Hc said contact him if you need any further information.

MF said RO would be interested on behalf of her work with HRG.

JH had attended the Regional LAF Meeting as a Rep for the Sheffield LAF. They discussed the 2026 deregulation cut off date and possibly our LAF move to the Regional LAF based in Leeds.

DA said Parkwood Springs Master Plan had been refreshed and any comments to be sent to Matt Gregg in Planning.

4.

Proposed Cemetery – Access land – Riggs Road Stannington

LS informed the LAF that a private individual wants to put a natural cemetery and car park (for 16 cars) on an area of Access Land , with access from Riggs High Road and Low Road.

However there is a major pipeline running across this land and when the proposal for this Cemetery was submitted to BPC they objected . There were various other objections re concerns of the Car Park MF commented that it will really change the look of things

JH asked how would it impinge on pedestrians right to roam as its on Access Land. Also, if planning permission was granted, would it become 'Excepted' Land and lose the walkers right to roam.

LS said that there are two footpaths that go across it, RK said walkers would not be able to take their dogs on it. SBT commented that we request the car park must not be made private.

JH said can we nominate someone to find out if it becomes Excepted Land and are NE aware that this is Open Access Land.

MF said if it becomes a burial ground that people can't just wander over the graves. DA suggested PROW consult with Planning. JH said there's a legal obligation to liaise with the developers, if any proposals impinge on a Right of Way and the LAF should make them aware of this.

TH going to look into this, maybe ask for a meeting with Planning and enquired if Councillors could possibly raise objections.

5. **Review of Directions – Deer Hill, Diggle and West Nab**

TH told the LAF that this was of interest as its adjacent to White Lea Moors Woodland - West Nab at Bradfield. There's a strip of Access Land running from Bolsterstone Road to East moorland. Every five years PP have to review restricted land so it possibly could be closed anytime.

This land is an important link route and should be used when no shooting is taking place, although the Land Owner has already had a 5 year closure on it.

6. **Update on Sheffield Lakeland Partnership Projects**

SB mentioned the Bradfield Stiles Improvement Project (between Worrall and High Bradfield) and that SVP are doing a good job of installing kissing gates. TH said that the Ramblers volunteers are also doing some of the work as they had organised and part funded the Project. He suggests a Waymark to show the joint work and said LLP only give the funding when the works are completed. Therefore he wants the Contractors to invoice them occasionally to ensure that they are paid, also it's a condition of the Heritage Lottery Fund. SB asked if there was going to be a press release, TH said yes, once the work was completed and there has already been an article in the Telegraph.

7. **Definitive Map work - update**

SB informed the LAF that the Legal Event Orders have been completed for Sheffield, Bradfield and Ecclesfield. Then one is now being prepared for Stocksbridge with another Sheffield one to follow.

PROW have determined a Schedule 14 Claim procedure for the Baldwins Omega site. Because of this the owner has verbally agreed to the dedication of a footpath and cycletrack (shared in part) across the site. JH asked if PROW have got a deadline for the completion of this, SB going to pass his comments onto MH.

JH confirmed he had got a copy of the Order from Richard Cannon confirming Butterthwaite Road – Loicher Lane as a Bridleway. (a section of the TPT)

8.

LTP Schemes - update

SB provided the LAF with a list of Schemes but there is to be a review of H&S and procurement procedures. He mentioned that part of the Capital Budget funding that PROW receive is due to finish at the end of this financial year. RK said if the maintenance work is going out to Amey Contractors does that mean they take over liability. It will if a commuted sum is paid.

There is an 18 month Programme of Works, with tarmacking paths to take place this autumn/ winter. PROW would also contribute to the Cut Gate repairs

PROW also want to install a long flight of concrete steps on Barkby Road Wincobank then transfer them over to Amey for them to maintain.

9.

Open Access – update and issues

Nothing to report.

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LAF Aspirational Routes

TH asked all the Members to look at the suggested routes and comment if there's any other routes they would like to see put on the list.

He said he wants new access points at Whirlow on to Access Land and a footpath that's been long established needs dedicating.

DA said that the Sheffield LL Project should liaise with Yorkshire Water to allow a footpath across the lower dam, subject to a bridge being built at Redmires.

11.

Report back from Neighbouring LAFs

JH said that there is now a permissive bridleway going down the side of Waverley linking up with Poplar Way which then links Sheffield to Rotherham. TH commented that the area of Waverley is immense and that the area is going to be colossal.

TH attended the PP Access Sub Group where they discussed the West Nab proposal and looked at land sales and mentioned that the Miles without Stiles Project had been improving access facilities for everyone.

Also it was discussed if an area in Sheffield was in part of the Peak District that they could apply for an Access Grant. e. g. An Easy Going Trail in Agden. Any Sheffield Woodland in the Peak District is classed as a good source of revenue for disabled people.

DA asked SB to contact Sue Smith of PP for a favourable area to be dedicated and this would be discussed further.

12.

LAF Members Rights of Way matters

There is a problem at Cowell Flat (BRA/153) from where cattle continuously escape from the field. This has been dealt with by SB, SWT, LL Project and the farmer. The installation of a kissing gate and a stile will be sorted for summer.

JH said a path off Acres Hill needs re-signing as a Permissive Bridleway and that the public footpath from Lodge Lane to Blackbrook says Permissive Bridleway. SB to investigate.

DA is working in conjunction with the Police to deter illegal and off road motorbikes. He's planning to place signs on lamp posts, therefore he needs to liaise with Street Lighting and asked if PROW would allow them on our fingerposts.

TH reported back that the SMP have employed a consultant to do a review of them. This involves quite a big report with various recommendations for improving SMP, the results will not be known for a while though.

13.

A.O.B.

MN is awaiting news re Cut Gate Bridleway improvements.

They are finalising their Outdoor Activity Projects which is to provide an information package for anyone interested in holding events in the Peak District. There are maps available re bird nesting seasons and showing particular dry or wet areas. He's also liaising with Longshaw on various footpath projects and obvious desire lines, whilst representing the National Trust with his comments.

DA mentioned that there's recently been an upsurge of raves on White Lea Moor and P & C need to take action to prevent them taking place.

14.

Date of next Meeting

Friday 18TH October - Ecclesall Woods Discovery Centre at 2.00 p.m.

