

**HEART OF FOREST FORUM
ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY SUB-GROUP
ACTIONS OF MEETING OF 15th January 2015**

Item	DESCRIPTION	For Action by
1	<p>Absence apologies from: Robert Robinson; Debbie Warren; Alan Blackburn; Libby Blackburn and Graham Knight</p> <p>In attendance : John Law - Countryside for All; Mary Holland - LRBA/BHS; Lynne Pass - LRBA/BHS; Geoff Pursglove - LCC; Roger Poole - Local Resident; Goff Lewis - NWLDC; Alan Leather - NFC; Jenny Southwell - DCC; Graham Morrison; Dot Morson - Derbyshire Ramblers; Sam Lattaway - NFC; Ken Fairbrother - Castle Gresley PC; Alan Dowell - Forestry Commission; Edwin Mcwilliam - LCC; Steve Palmer - LLAF; Shawn Brotherhood - Sustrans; Chris Conway - LCC Counrty Parks and Sam Ireson - LCC.</p>	
	<p>Presentation: Countryside For All (John Law)</p> <p>John Law gave a presentation on Countryside for All. Sam Ireson to distribute a copy of the presentation to all group members for information.</p> <p>Sam Lattaway stated that he is due to have a meeting with John to discuss Countryside for All at National Forest sites. Sam Lattaway to update the group on progress when appropriate.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SI</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SL</p>
2	<p>Previous Meeting Actions:</p> <p><u>Footpath P107 update</u> - Contractors visited the footpath to remove the obstructions but they were not allowed onto the land. The matter has now moved on from the legal enforcement stage and further discussions are ongoing with the solicitors. Unfortunately the matter will not be resolved imminently.</p> <p><u>Millennium Milepost</u> - Sam Ireson reported that no progress has been made since the last meeting due to work pressures. Sam to update on progress at the next meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SI</p>
	<p>Work Streams: Infrastructure A. Hicks Lodge to Moira Furnace -</p> <p>Planning Permission has been granted for the housing development with a number of conditions. Due to issues with past coal mining at the site the matter has been passed to the Ombudsman. Sam Ireson to obtain a copy of the permission, site plan and conditions when they have been finalised by the District Council.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SI</p>

	<p>Alan Dowell reported that Planning Permission for the Hicks Lodge to Moira Furnace link has been approved. An ecological survey needs to be undertaken. The project forms part of the HLF bid, so awaiting the outcome of the funding bid before the project can be progressed.</p> <p>Sam Ireson reported that the route is proposed to be dedicated as a Public Bridleway.</p> <p>If the housing development does not going ahead, Sam Ireson to contact the landowners of footpath P35 to seek their views on the proposed upgrade of the footpath to a multi-user route.</p> <p>B. Hicks Lodge to Ashby Link –</p> <p>Sam Ireson reported that the proposed development in Willesley was turned down by Councillors. The District Council are expecting the applicants to appeal the decision. If the Planning permission is granted, as part of the development a multi-user link will be created to Hicks Lodge. This link will be dedicated as a public bridleway to link into the permissive horse trail at Hicks Lodge. Sam Ireson to update the group at the next meeting.</p> <p>If the housing development does not go ahead Sam Ireson will look at creating the link through the woodland once again. Goff Lewis mentioned that NWLDC have agreed to contribute £40,000 towards the development of a link between Ashby and Hicks Lodge.</p> <p>C. Willesley to Ivanhoe Trail Link –</p> <p>The Woodland Trust and Leicestershire County Council have agreed in principal to the creation of the multi-user route across their land. Sam Ireson has written to Mr Redfern and awaiting a response. Sam to update the group at the next meeting.</p> <p>D. Maybury to New Albion Link -</p> <p>Planning Application has been submitted for a housing development off Ashby Road. As part of the planning comments the National Forest Company and Ashby Woulds Town Council are requesting that a route be provided from Sweethill to Maybury Wood. Alan Leather and Roger Poole to report to group when outcome from Planning process known.</p>	<p>SI</p> <p>SI</p> <p>SI</p> <p>RP / AL</p>
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	<p>F. Alternative Route for Ivanhoe Way –</p> <p>Nothing more can be done until Planning Permission for the continuation of the route has been granted.</p> <p>Waymarking</p> <p>Currently nothing more to report</p> <p>Heart of the Forest Heritage Trail</p> <p>The Orientation and Interpretation Masterplan has now been submitted as part of the HLF Black to Green funding bid. £200k has been allocated within the funding for the Waymarking and Interpretation project. The design phase will be undertaken in the first year with installation following in the second year. Alan Leather to update the group at the next meeting.</p> <p>Alan Leather reported that the underground mapping used in the document can be discussed further at a later date.</p> <p>Information and Promotion.</p> <p>Currently nothing more to report</p>	<p>AL</p> <p>AL</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Funding and Bids:</p> <p>Alan Leather gave a presentation to the group on the Black to Green Funding application. Sam Ireson to distribute presentation to all members.</p> <p>The funding bid has been submitted and is now being assessed, decision is due mid / end March. The project will start a few months later if the bid is successful. Delivery phase will be 2015 - 2018. Alan Leather to inform Sam Ireson of the decision once known and inform the group.</p> <p>Roger Poole to let Alan Leather have contact details of local wildlife surveyors he knows.</p>	<p>SI</p> <p>AL / SI</p> <p>RP</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Update on other Project Areas:</p> <p>a. Landowners Nothing to report.</p>	

	<p>b. Community Engagement</p> <p>Goff Lewis reported that Moira Furnace have been successful with their HLF bid for £62k for volunteering which will help sustain the facility for the future. Goff to update the group at the next meeting.</p>	<p>GL</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>AOB:</p> <p>A. Horse riding access south of A42</p> <p>Roger Poole requested that contact be made with Alan Blackburn's adjoining landowner to discuss horse riding access across his land as mentioned during a previous meeting. Sam Ireson to contact Alan Blackburn to discuss.</p> <p>B. Work programme review</p> <p>Request was made that at the next meeting a review of the work programme is undertaken to determine where we want to focus efforts next. Sam Ireson to discuss possible projects with Alan Leather before next meeting and add item to the agenda for discussion.</p>	<p>SI \ AB</p> <p>SI / AL</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date: Thursday 26th March 2015 , 2pm. - Venue: NFC Offices, Moria 	