

LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM – 2 JULY 2015

NETWORK OPPORTUNITIES REPORT

1. UNRECORDED WAYS

Although the Deregulation Bill has now been past, until the guidelines for the new legislation is available it will not be clear what work needs to be undertaken in terms of research. At the last meeting of the sub group Piers Lindley provided us with a draft outline of the process the application for DMMO will follow.

Stan has now completed 2800 routes and these are being placed on View Ranger (mapping software) by Jim Storer of the Ramblers. Jim provided the sub group with a demonstration of how the routes Stan has provided can be displayed on View Ranger. Jim believes he will complete entering the routes on View Ranger by the end of August. There are a small number of named routes on the List of Streets where their location cannot be identified. Ed has agreed that the LCC will assist Stan with this issue.

It has been agreed that the priorities in terms of research are:

1. Possible Lost Ways
2. ORPAs on and not on the OS map
3. Dead-end routes on current definitive map
4. Mixed-status routes on current definitive map
5. Any other routes not publicly maintained

At the next Unrecorded Ways meeting we will look at an area of the map of Leicestershire to identify priorities in that specific locality to research.

Representatives from Charnwood Roots will be attending the interim meeting 23rd June to discuss Unrecorded Ways.

2. OPEN ACCESS LAND

Members of the original survey teams have an ongoing dialogue with Leicestershire & Rutland Wild Life Trust. Consideration of additional / improved stile(s) at Altar Stone are ongoing. Markfield parish Council have finally opened up their part by unlocking the big gate and putting a stile over their barbed wire fence. LRWLT will not formalise the ways in off the eastern side as that road is busy and they are in fact to reinstate the wall to prevent access. We have suggested that depending on who owns the dividing wall a stile could allow access from their land into the other areas of open access. By the time of our meeting members will have also walked over the Charnwood lodge are with LRWLT staff and a similar walkover is to be arranged at Loughborough Meadows. Since our last meeting a survey has been done at Burrough Hill, a report compiled and sent to LCC and a meeting held with Bill Carter, responsible for the country parks service, to discuss the issues. Members have also surveyed

Burbage Common and a report is in hand. A copy of the Burrough report is attached to the agenda papers.

3. COUNTY FARMS

Possible route for the disabled at Quorn

Still awaiting cost estimates.

Hall Farm Blaby

Still waiting a decision by LCC, on the recommendations provided by the sub group.

Plans for 2015

These will be with the sub group to examine within the next three months.

4. COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL

Countryside For All training

The Community Forum meeting delegates, 20th May at the Market Harborough are very keen to see Countryside For All route literature in Leicestershire. Also interest has been shown in Dementia Friendly Walk Leader training.

Investigations are taking place with the Alzheimer's Society in relation to Dementia Friendly Walk Leader training.

Training took place at Brocks Hill in relation to Inclusive Countryside Access. There were representatives from the City Council and all district councils with the exception of Charnwood and Hinckley and Bosworth.

Slideshow for Health Centres

The draft slideshow for Leicestershire health centres is available **and awaiting comments from the LAF.**

Natural England

Natural England have stated that there may be an opportunity for a one stop web site for Countryside For All routes. They are also keen to meet with disability groups to discuss their requirements. There has also been correspondence in relation to holding standard symbols for Countryside For All routes. Discussions are taking place with the Lincolnshire and Rutland LAFs in August to see how we move this project forward.

Leicestershire Countryside For All routes

Discussions are taking place with the Projects Manager for Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living in July to see how we can ensure Countryside for All route literature is produced for Leicestershire. We have been talking about a possible survey of members to find out where they would like to visit etc. **Need the LAFs approval for this.**

Meetings due to take place

A request has been received to talk to the physical activity officers at their PADOs meeting in relation to dementia friendly walks. This will take place after more detailed discussions have taken place with the Alzheimer's Society.

Still waiting for a meeting with Mosaic (<http://www.mosaic1898.co.uk>) in relation to countryside access issues for the disabled. It is felt that the meeting with Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living (LCIL) may be able to provide the information required.

5. HIGHER LEVEL STEWARDSHIP

Ex Co-op Farms routes

Meeting to be arranged with the Wellcome Trust to encourage the Trust to continue to provide access after 2020