

Heart of the Forest Access and connectivity Working Group

Live Projects

Project	Project Description	Planning Reference	Current status	Action required	Project Lead
<u>PRIORITY A - Hicks Lodge to Moira Furnace</u>					
Section A - Hicks Lodge to Newfields Wood	Connecting Hicks Lodge Cycle Centre to Newfields Road via Newfields Woodland	14/00330/FUL	Planning permission approved. Funding secured. Construction due to commence September with completion proposed for Dec 2015	Alan Dowell initiating project.	Alan Dowell
Section B- Newfields Wood to Measham Road	Connecting section A at Newfields Road to Measham Road. Two options - 1. Through the new development or 2. Via the Incline.	13/00183/FULM	Planning Permission has been granted for the housing development. Sam Ireson has been in discussions with the developer and LCC Highways Officers regarding the provision of a cycle crossing.	Option 1. Contact with developers once they start to ensure sections 1&2 join together appropriately.	Sam Ireson
Section C- Measham Road to Moira Furnace	Trail link from Moira Furnace along the Public Footpath to Measham Road. Required to meet the link through the new housing development	Permitted Development	Designs and Costings have been completed. The estimate for the construction of a tarmac surface is £80k and a Toptrec Surface £66k Potential £40k from NWLDC subject to Link to Ashby not succeeding and NWLDC approval. Landowners for the route are Moira Furnace	Funding and Landowners permission required for the project to progress. Sam Ireson to contact landowners Moira Furnace to discuss proposal.	Sam Ireson

<p><u>PRIORITY B - Hicks Lodge to Ashby Link</u></p>	<p>Connecting Hicks Lodge Cycle Centre to Ashby de la Zouch. Two options - 1. Through proposed housing development or 2 via woodland and park off Ridgway Road</p>	<p>Willesley Housing Development 15/00196/FULM</p>	<p>Option 1. Link through and beyond proposed development. Awaiting outcome of Planning Appeal. Decision expected Oct / Nov 2015. Option 2 contingency if planning permission continues to be refused.</p>	<p>Awaiting decision of Planning Appeal.</p>	<p>Sam Ireson</p>
<p><u>PRIORITY C - Willesley to Ashby Woulds Heritage Trail Link(and Hicks Lodge via Oakthorpe Picnic Area)</u></p>	<p>Creation of a Multi-user route through Willesley Wood and along Pastures Lane to Oakthorpe, and also through Oakthorpe Picnic site to Willesley Lane.</p>		<p>The Woodland Trust and Leicestershire County Council have agreed in principal to the creation of the multi-user route across their land. Mr Redfern written to, no response to date. Sam Ireson has carried out a Land Registry Search and found that Pastures Lane and the link to the Picnic site is not registered. May still be in the ownership of British Coal.</p>	<p>Sam Ireson to carry out further landownership investigations. Sam and Graham to meet with the Woodland Trust to discuss the proposed surfcaed route around the lake.</p>	<p>Graham Morrison</p>
<p><u>PRIORITY D - Conkers to Rosliston Link</u></p>	<p>Creation of a Multi-user route between Conkers and Rosliston Forestry Centre</p>		<p>Church Gresley to Tunnel Woods completed. Group agreed that the remainder of route to Rosliston was outside the remit of the ACWG and is now being progressed by a separate working group run by Jenny Southwell of Derbyshire County Council. Beginning to digitise the routes ready for a feasibility study.</p>	<p>Potential routes being investigated.</p>	<p>Jenny Southwell</p>

<p><u>PRIORITY E - Village Hall, Moira to Maybury Wood Link</u></p>	<p>Creation of a route between Moira Village Hall and Maybury Wood</p>	<p>14/00363/OUT</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.</p>	<p>Alan Leather and Roger Poole to report to group when outcome from Planning process known.</p>	<p>Alan Leather / Roger Poole</p>
<p><u>Heart of the Forest Interpretation and Orientation Masterplan</u></p>	<p>As part of the HLF Development phase consultants were commissioned to develop an Interpretation / Orientation masterplan proposing a range of solutions for navigating people around the Heart of the Forest</p>		<p>Masterplan document completed. Successful bid to HLF approx. £200k allocated to the Masterplan Work. Bethan Scragg has been appointed as the Black to Green Project Officer. Currently working on the brief to the consultants for the design phase.</p>	<p>Consultants to be briefed.</p>	<p>Bethan Scragg</p>
<p><u>Millennium Milepost</u></p>	<p>Refurbishment and installation of a Millennium Milepost along the Ashby Woulds Heritage Trail</p>		<p>Location for Milepost agreed.</p>	<p>Keith Drury (Sustrans Ranger) has agreed to restore the Milepost. James Lowe is currently considering the wording for the new arms. Sam Ireson in discussion with landowners regarding agreement to the installation.</p>	<p>Sam Ireson</p>

<u>Hicks Lodge Access from Willesley Lane</u>	Installation of an access gate / squeeze gap opposite White Lodge to provide access on foot between Public Footpath P21 and the Cycle routes of Hicks Lodge.		Installation of access gate / squeeze gap agreed with Forestry Commission.	Forestry Commission to arrange volunteers to carry out the works.	Alan Dowell
<u>Alternative route for the Ivanhoe Way</u>	Proposed diversion of Ivanhoe Way promoted route. Diversion will remove the route and re-direct it via Hicks Lodge Cycle Centre and proposed Newfields Link.		Hicks Lodge to Newfields Link to be constructed before project can progress.	Once constructed Sam Ireson to ensure any signage changes are made on the ground, to LCC promoted route literature and Ordnance Survey	Roger Poole / Sam Ireson
<u>Maybury to New Albion Link</u>	Creation of route between Maybury and Albion Landfill Site		Proposed route(s) to be identified.	Restoration plan for the site was approved in January. Need to check that proposed paths across the site correspond with link trying to achieve. Lead require to look into potential routes for a link between Maybury and the site	Roger Poole / possible another
<u>Countryside For All</u>	Presentation by John Law to the group - The promotion of Countryside For All routes throughout the Heart of the Forest area.		Proposed route(s) to be identified.	Sam Lattaway to have a meeting with the Woodland Trust regarding Access for All routes within the National Forest especially around Willesley.	Sam Lattaway

<p><u>Horse riding access south of A42 to Minorca site</u></p>	<p>Roger Poole raised the potential of increased bridleway access across land south of the A42 to Ashby Road and then onwards to Minorca</p>		<p>Alan Blackburn has had initial discussions with the landowner regarding the creation of a bridleway link south of the A42 to Ashby Road. This would then link to the existing Public Byway between Ashby Road and Sweptstone Road to link to Minorca.</p>	<p>Roger Poole and Alan Blackburn to progress the matter with the landowner.</p>	<p>Roger Poole / Alan Blackburn</p>
<p><u>Proposed Bridleway Circuit</u></p>	<p>Presentation by Alan Blackburn and Roger Poole for a proposed bridleway circuit</p>		<p>Agreed that the proposed route could be looked at with regards landownership and Public Rights of Way Orders. As the route is outside the HOFF area was agreed that it is worth progressing but should be more of a National Forest project with progress reported back to the HOFF</p>	<p>Sam Ireson to look at the proposed route and create a menu of Legal Public Rights of Way Orders which will be required.</p>	<p>Roger Poole / Alan Blackburn</p>

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Project Proposals**

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<u>Car Park Albert Village - Equine step over to Hepworth (Albert Village) Lake Site</u>	Installation of an equine access structure adjacent to the existing cycle barrier	No access for horseriders at this point. Legal Status of the route and Funding for the structure need to be investigated		Mary Holland / Lynne Pass	Put on hold until bigger picture of improvements between Maybury and New Albion including Hanging Hill farm are considered.	
<u>Spring Cottage - Change status of Footpath to Bridleway linking Ashby Woulds Trail to Albert Village lake Bridleway</u>	Change of status from Public Footpath to Public Bridleway	Link Ashby Woulds Trail to Albert Village Lake Bridleway. Landowners agreement and Legal Order required to change status		Mary Holland / Lynne Pass	Put on hold until bigger picture of improvements between Maybury and New Albion including Hanging Hill farm are considered.	
<u>Equine bridge to link Maybury Wood to Hanging Hill Farm and Boothorpe Permissive Bridleway</u>	Installation of a bridge suitable for use by horse riders	Horseriders are currently unable to use the bridge. Legal status of the route and funding for the structure will need to be investigated.		Mary Holland / Lynne Pass	Put on hold until bigger picture of improvements between Maybury and New Albion including Hanging Hill farm are considered.	
<u>Access from Hanging Hill Farm to Boothorpe Permissive Bridleway</u>	Creation of a new link between Boothorpe and Hanging Hill Farm	Funding and Landowners agreement will need to be investigated.		Mary Holland / Lynne Pass	Put on hold until bigger picture of improvements between Maybury and New Albion including Hanging Hill farm are considered.	

<u>Equine Access parallel to Ashby Road / Willesley Lane from Bridleway to Hicks Lodge to junction at Willesley Woodside</u>	Creation of new bridleway link.	Funding and Landowners agreement will need to be investigated.		Mary Holland / Lynne Pass	Put on hold until bigger picture of improvements between Maybury and New Albion including Hanging Hill farm are considered.	
<u>Equine Access to Pit Triangle Woods and Feanedock</u>	Creation of new bridleway access	Funding and Landowners agreement will need to be investigated.		Mary Holland / Lynne Pass	Put on hold until bigger picture of improvements between Maybury and New Albion including Hanging Hill farm are considered.	
<u>Proposed Horse Riding Circuit</u>	Creation of a horse riding circuit including Ashby, Heather, Swebstone and Measham	Status of existing Public Rights of Way, landowners agreement and funding will need to be investigated		Roger Poole / Alan Blackburn	Roger and Alan to present the proposal to the group at the next HOFF meeting	

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Completed Projects

Project	Description	Outputs	Date completed	Main contact
<u>Network Identification</u>	Heart of the Forest Network agreed by the group	Map produced showing Network	Spring 2014	Graham Morrision
<u>Tunnel Woods</u>	A project to surface the trail from Church Gresley through Tunnel Woods (Priority link D) and to create xKM of new Bridleway	1km Newly surfaced trail. Xkm new bridleway created. £50k funding raised from Natural England and through Corporate sponsorship raised by the National Forest Company		Alan Dowell
<u>Network Survey</u>	Survey of the Heart of the Forest Trail Network providing information for Landowners and for the preparation of the Heart of the Forest Orientation and Interpretation Masterplan.	Maps and corresponding survey information produced. Circa 300+ volunteer hours and 30 miles of trails surveyed.	Summer 2014	Graham Morrision