

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

CHARNWOOD FOREST STEERING GROUP

The steering group discussed possible changes to the make up of the group. One major change will be the creation of four working groups with the steering group sitting above them as the strategic body. This group will now probably only meet twice a year and there will still be a stakeholders meeting annually

Roy Denney Representative

NATIONAL FOREST ACCESS & RECREATION GROUP

There have been no formal meetings since our last meeting – They are due to meet on 10th February

Roy Denney Representative

NATURAL & HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP / LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP

There is some question as to whether the NHEP will continue in its present form as LCC and the Districts are discussing different ways of working together. The LNP was one and the same group in a different role but there have been no meetings since our last meeting. A large group of LNPs are engaged with DEFRA discussing the future of these bodies.

We are aware of overall financial situation, even clearer following the Chancellor's autumn statement and are not expecting much if anything by way of direct funding. Some LNPs have been successful in attracting outside funding and all are working on this as far as time allows. Money would be nice but lack of funding is not the major issue but rather for enhanced legal 'muscle'. The current duty to consult does not include a duty to listen unfortunately, very much as is the case with LAFs.

Roy Denney Representative