

East Midlands Chairs LAF Meeting Notes

I attended my first East Midlands Chairs LAF meeting on the 10th October at the Nottingham City Council Office. I did not know what to expect from the meeting or its purpose. I came away from the meeting realising that all the groups including the Leicestershire Local Access Forum have similar challenges and opportunities in an ever changing political and economic environment.

It was good to hear from our colleagues that their local councils have been supportive and proactive in the main to encourage the LAF's to work continuing to improve access for all. These councils have made available administrative resources and have helped to facilitate guest speakers for their forums. There are issues with recruitment and retention of LAF member with new chairs.

Natural England was not in attendance which was unfortunate as the group wished to establish how Brixit was being planned for.

John Law agreed to pull together the minutes and the Chairs reports which when available will give a full and comprehensive picture of the activities across the East Midlands LAF

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