

NETWORK OPPORTUNITIES / UNRECORDED WAYS

This has been a very difficult period.

We have been trying to reconstruct files lost on Stan Warrens computer and by the time of the meeting should be able to report on progress with this. I have now visited all bar one of the willing volunteers and this is more fruitful than trying to get them all to one meeting so we will have to consider how to take this forward and the cost implications.

We have had our normal working meeting and an evening meeting with a guest from London, Jack Gornish, Ramblers National Officer responsible for lost ways. Present were a member of the Rights of Way team, four Access Forum members of the unrecorded ways group, three co-opted members of the group and three volunteers.

It was felt that the buddy system worked well as some were more experienced than others and some wanted to study the record where others wanted to walk searching for physical evidence

We have four more people wanting to go to the records office to be shown how it works and we will try and set something up. Tuesday afternoon has been suggested. If people want to work on their own patch that is fine.

The next meeting of the core team will look over a map and prioritise potential applications and try and pick out some prime targets to get volunteers working on

We feel that people are happier tackling bite sized chunks of work rather than seeing a claim through, so we want to train people to log on the BHS cloud anything they find so other people can see it. We are to explore possible locations for a Saturday morning training session on the BHS data base. Somewhere with a good wifi availability and if possible access to a few computers for those without laptops. Groby College was suggested as a starting point

JC had a lot of good ideas which would definitely help, some adding to and enhancing the BHS system. He does however have to get the Ramblers Board to sign it off and fund it. It will be down to the Ramblers members on our group to help push that agenda

I have now lodged an application on behalf of the LLAf for a DMMO re the unrecorded path at Cotes. I am also exploring the historic evidence for a path near Anstey and have also looked into West Street in Glenfield but as yet have found no evidence of its status and that may need a claim based on usage.

HH is working on paths in the Wigston area, DS & KS those in the Hinckley area and MM in the Hugglescote and Donington-le-Heath area. ST and GC are working the Quorn / Mountsorrell area. MB is actively involved and SH is still showing interest and has been invited to meet with us.

The auditor of the account we are piggy-backing asked for minutes/constitution etc of our meetings and we copied and pasted together relevant comments from previous meeting which satisfied him but have now prepared a short constitution based on what has evolved as our present system, which is offered to members for approval

There is nothing else to report on Network Opportunities at this stage.

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