

CHARNWOOD FOREST REGIONAL PARK

I continue to serve as a member of the board of the regional park. I am also on the steering group of the Local Nature Partnership project looking to protect, promote and enhance the park.

There have been a series of workshops with the new independent chairman Atul Patel as we rapidly approach the point of pulling everything together to submit in September.

There has also been a meeting of the stakeholders to keep all interested parties up to date.

We have provided the team with a map of the park marked up with desirable links for the rights of way network to be targeted as part of the ;'better access' element of the project.

Charnwood Forest is geologically the oldest part of the National Forest and was being seriously considered to be a National Park until somebody cut it in two by building the M1. As such it has little legal protection other than the several sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs)

Charnwood Forest Regional Park has no legal status but is a partnership of all the local authorities involved, the National Forest Company and other interested parties including the Access Forum

The only other thing to report is the second edition of the map of the park is now in the shops.

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