

Peak District Local Access Forum

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Item: 4

Title: Green Lanes Update

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Purpose of the Report

The report provides an update on progress with managing motor vehicle recreation in the National Park.

Traffic Regulation Orders

The Authority resolved at the November Audit Resource and Performance meeting (www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/committees) to make a traffic regulation order (TRO) at Leys Lane, near Great Longstone which will have the effect of prohibiting mechanically propelled vehicles at all times. When the order is made consultees, landowners and those that responded to the consultation will be notified and it will be publicised including at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/tros.

Consultations on Repairs

Where the Forum is consulted on repairs to green lanes then views may be provided on routes proposed to be repaired or responses given on specifications for works on individual routes. Where there are time constraints and a response is required prior to a Forum meeting, the Green Lanes sub-group will be constituted and operate as a Forum meeting at which there will be the opportunity for members and the general public to provide comment. Items discussed at sub-group meetings are reported back to the full Forum.

The Terms of Reference of the Green Lanes Sub-group are proposed to be amended to that attached in Appendix 1 to clarify the input of the Sub-group towards consultations received on repairs to green lanes.

Priority Routes in Staffordshire

The Green Lanes Sub-group has visited the priority routes at Hollinsclough and Wetton and its findings will be incorporated within the route information reports to be compiled early in 2015.

Green Lanes Newsletter

Green lanes are valued by and a resource for all and the vehicles newsletter has a new look and expanded audience. Copies of the newsletter can be seen at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/vehicles or contact rightsofway@peakdistrict.gov.uk to be added to the mailing list.

Recommendations

- 1. That the report is noted.**
- 2. That the amended terms of reference of the Green Lanes sub-group as set out in Appendix 1 are adopted.**

Appendix 1

Peak District Local Access Forum Green Lanes Sub-Group Terms of Reference

Context

The Peak District Local Access Forum is a statutory body, appointed jointly by the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) and Derbyshire County Council (DCC), as the advisory body on access and recreation matters in the Peak District. From time to time the Forum may establish Sub-groups to consider and report back on (or act on if delegated) matters referred to them by the Forum.

Purpose

The Green Lanes Sub-group (formerly known as the Recreational Vehicles sub-group) provides the Local Access Forum, the PDNPA, DCC and other relevant Highway Authorities with specific and detailed advice on matters relating to the management of green lanes in the Peak District. This includes:

- Advising on strategy, policy and procedures for the management of recreational motor vehicles and green lanes
- Recommendations for actions on priority routes
- Responding to consultations on Traffic Regulation Orders with delegated authority to respond on behalf of the LAF
- Responding to consultations on repairs with delegated authority to respond on behalf of the LAF
- Monitoring and review of actions
- Any other matters where there are implications and/or opportunities for public access on green lanes

Submission of advice

Where advice is to be provided directly to a body which the Forum has a statutory function to advise, the meeting will be constituted and operate as a Forum meeting in accordance with the Regulations.

Membership

Chair: Local Access Forum Chair or Vice Chair

Up to 8 Forum members including the Chair/Vice Chair representing a balance of:

- Landowners/managers
- Vehicle users and other recreation user groups
- Conservation
- Local interest

PDNPA Rights of Way Officers and other PDNPA and Highway Authorities' officers as required

Membership may change over time according to need and focus of actions.

Frequency of meeting

As and when required, to deal with matters referred by the Forum.