

**LAF Green Lanes Sub-group  
Aldern House  
18 October 2012**

**Attendees:**

Edwina Edwards (Chair) Henry Folkard, Richard Entwistle, Charlotte Gilbert,  
James Kellie, Mike Johnson, Richard Peart  
Richard Pett, Sue Smith  
Mike Rhodes for part

**Apologies:**

John Thompson, Sue Weatherley

1. Brushfield-Upperdale & Chertpit Leys Lane

Members noted the importance for the Brushfield-Upperdale route for horse riders as well as other users. Measures to assess the amount of agricultural use on this route as compared to recreational vehicle use were discussed. It was clarified that in the event of the proposed restrictions at Chertpit & Leys Lane that the Chertpit part would in effect be a cul-de-sac.

2. Long Causeway

An update was provided on DCC's temporary closure to vehicles greater than 1.5 m width. The works are likely to extend beyond the current end date in mid-January thus requiring an extension of the closure. Ecological surveys are presently being carried out. LAF members sought assurances that the NPA's archaeologists were also involved in advising DCC on impacts on the historic interest of the route and revetment. There was discussion as to whether the route as repaired would be sustainable for all users. Barriers needed to be effective. The view was that hindsight has proved the appropriateness of the previous response by the LAF.

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Members queried whether the extent of the deterioration had continued over the Summer. Members felt that the route was significantly damaged in the context of it being a National Trail and that its use as a National Trail was being affected. The status of this route is important as is the amount of money already spent on it. The current level of use was not considered sustainable and, until such time as sustainable repairs can be implemented, the NPA should proceed to make a permanent TRO so that collateral environmental damage can be ameliorated by restricting use.

It was considered that if the reason for making a TRO was to allow repairs to be carried out, then it would be for DCC to do this pending the repairs. However the status of the route as a long distance trail and the economic argument means that it is appropriate for the NPA to take action to protect from further deterioration and thereafter to allow the works to settle. This therefore justified a recommendation for a restriction in excess of that previously made.

4. Chapel Gate Monitoring Report

Results from the first 12 months of the monitoring at Chapel Gate were being compiled. An improvement in the condition of the route was noted.

#### 5. NPA Liaison Meeting

Rich Pett and Sue Smith reported back on a meeting with the Lake District National Park Authority. The meeting included information on a local partnership at Colton to manage illegal use; the administration, costs and monitoring of the permit system at Gatesgarth; and repairs on a route at Stile End. The success of such measures were seen to be dependent on the involvement of all users of green lanes.

#### 5. Sustainability Analysis

Rich Pett reported on the results of the surveys undertaken by NPA Rangers on the green lanes outside the Derbyshire part of the NP. He is currently verifying the red/priority routes and expects to report these to the next meeting of the LAF.

Three of these priority routes are already identified in the Green Lanes Action Plan because of the management works taking place.

#### 6. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 7 February 2013 at 9.30 am, Aldern House