

Peak District Local Access Forum

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Title: Huddle for Local Access Forums

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Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to confirm the PDLAF's nomination of a Huddle Champion and additional LAF nominee. Details were forwarded at the beginning of November 2011 asking for nominations. Two members have come forward.

Background

Huddle is an online network which allows users to connect, share documents and best practice, and work together. A workspace has been created for Local Access Forums.

It will be used by Natural England to pass on information relating to consultations and funding opportunities. It will enable direct contact with Defra Minister Richard Benyon. It will allow links to be made with other Local Access Forums. A National Park workgroup has been proposed to supplement the regional ones.

All members of the Forum will be able to access the workspace but each Forum has been asked to nominate one person to be their Huddle Champion. Nominees can be members, chairs, secretaries or officers. Huddle Champions will make contributions on behalf of their LAF and provide feedback on matters raised. A description of the role of a Huddle Champion is attached.

Training will be provided by regional co-ordinators and will be supported by Natural England. Training for the champion and additional nominee is proposed in January and training is also being proposed at a future meeting of the Forum.

Recommendation

- 1. That a Huddle Champion and an additional LAF nominee be nominated.**