

National Park Management Plan - LAF14th March, 2019 Item 9

Report from John Thompson

Points to highlighted in the email Mike sent from me to LAF Members on 5th February with minutes of the NPMP Advisory Group which I attended on 16th January follow and were:

The Purpose of the Group is below along with its current membership which covers a wide range of issues and types of organisations of the group:

- **Act as a champion for the National Park Management Plan.**
- **Provide strategic focus and help develop a long term view of the National Park.**
- **Provide a forum for the on-going review of implementation of the Peak District National Park Management Plan through shared monitoring of its actions and outcomes.**
- **Help to drive implementation of the plan by advocating the importance of National Park outcomes and to support action.**
- **Provide independent specialist advice and recommendations to the PDNPA and any relevant delivery partner to help improve actions for delivery and resolve conflict.**
- **Providing view points from a range of sectors that potentially impact on the National Park.**

Membership - Organisation
Local Nature Partnership
Environment Agency
Historic England
Natural England
Visit Peak District Destination Management Partnership
Local Access Forum
National Trust
Derbyshire County Council
Peak Park Parishes Forum
Peak Partners for Rural Action
Business Peak District
Farmers & Land Managers Forum
National Park Authority
Friends of the Peak District
Rural District Council (HPBC / SMDC)
Sheffield City Council
The group will have the ability to co-opt other people to join the group to fill gaps in the representation of the group or to reflect significant projects or developments.

The Chief Executive and officers of the National Park Authority will be present and assist with meetings.

Key Points from the Meeting on 16th January were:

1. The Chair, Vice Chair, Chief Executive and new Director (Adrian Barraclough who accepted my invitation to attend our LAF in March), at the Peak District NPA all attended
2. White Peak document – copied separately to Sue Weatherley as our representative liaising with Jon Stewart
3. Events Workshop – report written by Pete Spriggs and kindly circulated by Mike to all LAF members on 25th January and will be reported to our LAF meeting in March. Well attended by LAF Members in various capacities and scope for LAF to contribute to some actions. **Bob Berzins can kindly advise further after attending a follow up meeting on this on 7th March**
4. I think our contributions and work with the Advisory Group are relevant. **Are the reports I make back adequate for LAF members both here and as a Standing Item?**

5. I think the Terms of Reference are fine as only reviewed about a year ago - see below. On membership, **I wonder whether it would help to suggest a representative or co-option of Wildlife Trusts, Mosaic & Derbyshire Sport?**
6. Notes from James Marshall of Natural England were helpful - I invited James to attend but he could not make it today.
7. **Are any LAF members interested/experienced in climate change issues as a Workshop is likely in autumn 2019? - Geoff Nickolds interest has been noted and passed on to Matt.**
8. Reference is made to a link in Matt Mardling's email to the new Peak District NPA Corporate Strategy. Some extracts were included in my notes and there was a link to the document.
9. There are references and links in Matt's note to the NPA and National Trust's responses to the National Parks Review chaired by Julian Glover. **Our response to that from LAF was circulated to all members as well as Chair, Vice Chair and CEO at the Peak.**

Views are invited, especially on items 3, 4, 5, and 7 1above please

Roly suggests the main conclusions and "must do" actions from the Events workshop were:-

- Pre-event consultation with local communities by event organisers
- Comprehensive traffic management plans
- Resource for PDNPA/DCC event planning information to local councils and communities (organisers/agencies)
- creation of a toolkit for best practice for organisers, including biosecurity
- honeypot site-specific guides

NPMP Delivery - Matt Mardling:

Regarding NPMP Delivery Plan actions. Matt Mardling is about to start the **end of year report** which will go to the next Advisory Group meeting on 10th April, and then on to the National Park Authority Meeting in May.

Following the Events Workshop which Bob Berzins, Paul Richardson and myself attended from LAF, the **next delivery action due which affects us is 5.1 the review of the Countryside Code**. Sarah Wilks is progressing this.

The **Climate Change workshop** is scheduled for Autumn but the first scoping meeting is happening on the 12th March, if he (Geoff Nickolds) would like to attend I'm sure that would be ok.

LAF Member involvement in Advice re Delivery Plan Actions

Area of Impact 2 – Ensuring a future for farming and land management

Intention 2.1 - secure funding for future land management to benefit all (Champion is Sue Fletcher).

Sponsoring – Land Managers Forum

Supporting – LAF - Charlotte Gilbert and Dan Richmond-Watson (Note that Jon Stewart and Joe Dalton from the LAF are on Land Managers Forum)

Intention 2.2 – Ensure that the management of upland moors delivers environmental, social and economic benefits (Champion is Sue Fletcher). Sponsoring – Natural England

Supporting – LAF - Geoff Nickolds, as a former Chair Moors for the Future Group, and Bob Berzins.

Area of Impact 3 – Managing Landscape Conservation on a big scale

Intention 3.2 – Develop a **White Peak Partnership** (No Champion yet – Revolving Chair starts with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust). Jon Stewart is a link for National Trust and

Sue Weatherley has volunteered from the LAF. South West Peak Partnership – Ally Turner from the LAF

Area of Impact 4 - A National Park for Everyone

Intention 4.1 Overcome Physical barriers to Access (Champions Simon Malcolm/John Scott). Sponsoring - Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire - Jo Dillely.

Supporting – LAF - Andrew Murley re Miles without Stiles etc.

Area of Impact 5 – Encouraging Enjoyment with Understanding

5.1 Balance Opportunities for enjoyment with conserving a fragile environment Note that the Target here is a Refreshed Countryside Code (Champion – Jo Dillely/SarahWilks) Sponsoring – Marketing Peak and

Derbyshire. NT. Water Companies. PDNPA

Supporting – LAF - Roly Smith plus users for horse riding – Charlotte Gilbert, climbing – Louise Hawson as a new member, rambling Jez Kenyon, mountain biking- Paul Richardson and Recreational motoring – Richard Entwistle – note Clare Griffin as a Trail Rider will liaise with Richard.

A joint meeting of those involved from the LAF may be helpful when the brief for refreshing the Code is known along with its relationship to various User and Trails Use Codes.

5.2 Ensure Shared Responsibility

Note – Action is Events Management (Champion – Sarah Wilks).Sponsoring – PDNPA

Supporting – LAF - Bob Berzins