

**LAF Green Lanes Sub-group
Aldern House
25 April 2013**

Attendees:

John Thompson (Chair), Henry Folkard, Charlotte Gilbert, Sue Weatherley, Mike Johnson, James Kellie, Richard Peart, Clare Griffin
Mike Rhodes, Sue Smith, Richard Pett

Apologies:

Edwina Edwards, Richard Entwistle

1. Updates

Chapel Gate – Derbyshire County Council’s (DCC) closure still in place on the lower part of the route. DCC’s works have not yet commenced due to adverse weather conditions. No confirmation has been provided for any intention to undertake works elsewhere along the route.

Long Causeway – Current phase of surfacing and drainage works by DCC has been completed. Work on the revetment wall is planned at some point in the future. The NPA is awaiting a formal consultation from DCC and will have an input on ecological, archaeological and landscape issues.

Action: MJR to ask DCC about the planned programme of works.

Brough Lane – DCC has completed resurfacing a section of the route using road planings. It may not be sustainable for a voluntary one-way system. Congestion peaks on Sundays and Bank Holidays at times when conditions are suitable for flying.

Traffic Regulation Order Consultations –representations on Long Causeway and the Roych are being collated into a reportable format. Work is also ongoing on a consultation system which will allow for more informed responses and the improved management of the same.

2. Sub-group Meeting Arrangements

Members reported the view from Patricia Stubbs and also the Green Lanes Alliance that the Sub-group makes some recommendations that not all members of the LAF have seen and their concerns that interested members of the public are not able to influence the sub-group or listen to its deliberations.

Sue Smith circulated a paper which sets out Forum member involvement in the sub-group meetings and consultation responses and how the deliberations of the Sub-group are reported to the Forum meetings.

Members considered that there was balanced representation on the sub-group. Opportunities are available for matters to be fed-in and considered by LAF members such as evidenced by this item. Meetings of the Sub-group give the necessary space to debate issues and reach consensus and there are advantages with the flexibility of a small group which builds up knowledge over time. They concluded that sub-groups allow a more efficient approach and that

the reporting procedures are in place for the Forum to take responsibility for the outcome and for it to be ratified publically.

3. Strategy

Members expressed the view that the TRO system was not designed to withstand pressures caused by status determination and that this legislation was anachronistic and did not apply to present day issues. The types of activities that are akin to the principle of quiet enjoyment and whether the regulation is appropriate needs to be considered.

The legal process relating to classification deals with evidence and is the responsibility of the Highway Authority. The role of the LAF in contributing to this would be somewhat limited as advice is not evidential. However the LAF could potentially have some input in terms of prioritisation and regular updates from DCC on progress with and priorities for determination of status would be helpful in this respect.

Action: SAS to request updates on classifications from DCC for Sub-group meetings

Action: HLF and JT to present views to the Sub-group for consideration of whether to refer to Defra.

4. Resources

NPA Members recognize this area of work as a priority but it is dependent on the allocation of funding from Defra. LAF members also expressed concern more generally about resources and funding for recreation and access.

Action: JT to keep under review

Action: MJR to ask DCC for an update on resources relating to UCRs

5. Priority Routes

Richard Pett is to provide maps of the priority routes outside the Derbyshire part of the National Park to members for their surveys over the Summer. Sue Smith reported that it will not be possible to produce management plans for these routes this financial year.

Action: Richard Pett to circulate route information on remaining priority routes

6. DoNM

To be advised.