



Peak District Local Nature Partnership Interim Board Meeting

Tuesday 17th September 10am - 1pm

Penny Anderson Associates Ltd, Park Lea, 60 Park Road, Buxton

MINUTES

1. Introductions and Apologies

Attending: Geoff Nickolds (Chair), Penny Anderson, Anne Robinson, Jane Marsden, Karen Devonport, Jane Chapman, Jon Stewart, Rhodri Thomas, Karen Shelley-Jones (minutes).

Apologies: Tom Moat, Peter Dewhurst, Neil Moulden, Harry Howell, Alison Pritchard, Paul Roden.

2. Minutes of last meeting and action points; matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

3. Geodiversity Action Plan

- **RT** to arrange a meeting before Christmas to produce a brief for the production of a Geodiversity Action Plan (GAP) and explore options for completing the work in 2013/14.
- **RT** to contact Jonathan Larwood (via NE) regarding scope and requirements of a GAP.

4. Communication Plan (paper circulated in advance of meeting)

Karen has re-drafted the LNP communication plan with assistance from the PDNPA head of communication and marketing, who suggested completing a 'who knows who' exercise to map out which influential contacts the Board has.

- **All** to send comments on the draft communication plan – messages, activities and who - to Karen before the next meeting.
- **All** to complete the attached 'who knows who' document and return to Karen before the next meeting.
- **KSJ** to send a jpeg of the Nature Peak District logo and the Nature Peak District letter template to the Board.

5. Project Update - South West Peak Project (paper circulated in advance of meeting), White Peak Rivers, Ash dieback, Cycling

South West Peak

KSJ is coordinating a Landscape Partnership bid to HLF for the South West Peak, a small project steering group comprising, Jane, Geoff, Penny, Guy Corbett-Marshall and Frank Lucas met yesterday to discuss ways forward.

KD has shared draft project concept documents with her colleague Craig Thomas (NE external funding team) who has offered a considerable amount of useful advice.

RSPB has also offered help with partnership/consensus building activity.

- **KSJ** to revise the HLF project enquiry form using Craig's comments, share with Craig and submit when partners are happy with it.
- **KSJ** to attend next available HLF West Midlands funding workshop.

White Peak Rivers

Progress has been made on the project to deliver year round flows in the River Lathkill via control of water draining through Magpie Mine sough, plus restoration of the river bed. Funding in the region of £300,000 will be required; this could be sought from HLF.

Ash Dieback

The informal approach to Defra for funding was received, with a mixed response. There will be further development of the proposal and a potential HLF bid is to be considered.

- **AR** to talk to Tony Favell in advance of his one to one with Owen Patterson MP at the National Parks conference next week regarding the need for funding for ash dieback.

Cycling

The Peak District & Derbyshire CC bid to the Department of Transport was successful, and will see an investment of £5m from DoT plus £2.5m from partners.

The Tour de France will come through 6km of the Peak District next year, concern was expressed that the route went through a particularly sensitive area at Holme Moss, and the potential impact of spectators at this site. The PDNPA and NE are inputting to the plans to ensure impacts are minimised.

The L'Eroica cycling event will also come through a larger part of the Peak District next year prior to the Tour de France, bringing potential community benefits.

6. Influencing role - LEPs, other LNPs, Government, consultations, adding value to existing projects/partnerships

There was much discussion about opportunities to engage with LEPs via consultation events on their Growth Strategies and European Investment Strategies. Geoff, Jane and Anne had all attended consultation events with D2N2 (Derby & Derbyshire, Nottingham & Nottinghamshire), Stoke & Staffs and Sheffield LEPs. A joint Peak District response was sent to D2N2's consultation on their EU Structural and Investment Fund Strategy.

It was agreed that there would be value in producing a Nature Peak District 'Prospectus' highlighting the economic value of the ecosystem services provided by the Peak District with costed case studies such as SCaMP, Moors for the Future etc. but that there was not time to do this to influence the draft EU Structural and Investment Fund Strategies.

A representative had been sought and voted on to represent all the LNPs on the national shadow growth board. The elected representative is Dr Bevis Watts, Chief Executive of Avon Wildlife Trust.

- **PA** to circulate the LNP evaluation report when it is made available.
- **JC** to circulate a copy of the document produced by the three northern LNPs as an offer to their LEPs.
- **JC** to circulate the National Parks collective response on contact with LEPs.
- **AR** to circulate the South Yorkshire LNP's LEP prospectus.
- **AR** to find out who the LEP board members are for all surrounding LEPs and let Karen know.
- **JC** to remind PD to arrange a meeting between Peak District Partnership, Business Peak District, Visit Peak District, Nature Peak District and the surrounding LEPs.
- **JC** to circulate the Business Peak District prospectus.
- **PA** to circulate the SCaMP cost-benefit analysis report.
- **KD** to circulate the Monitor of Engagement with the Natural Environment (MENE) report from Natural England.
- **KSJ** to circulate the email relating to LNP representation on the national shadow growth board.
- **KSJ** to draft a letter introducing Nature Peak District to go to the Chairs of the surrounding LEPs.
- **JC/AR** talk to S. Yorks LNP/D2N2 about proposal to send joint offer letter to relevant LEPs and consider joint LNPs approach to other relevant LEPs.
- **KSJ & AR** to meet to develop a Nature Peak District ecosystem services prospectus (medium term priority).

7. Dates of next meetings

- **KSJ** to send round a Doodle poll for next meeting date in the second half of November.

8. Any Other Business

There are two vacancies for Secretary of State appointed Members to the National Park Authority. Defra will be advertising this in October.

JC highlighted the Land Managers Forum workshop next Tuesday at Aldern House, LNP Board members welcome – contact Penny Aitken to book a place.

AR highlighted the Environment Agency Climate Ready Support Service offer to LNPs.