



Peak District Local Nature Partnership Workshop

30th July 2015 10am – 12:30pm

Boardroom, Aldern House, Bakewell DE45 1AE

Minutes

1. Introductions and Apologies

1.1. Present

Neil Moulden (Chair)
Jane Chapman (PDNPA)
Rhodri Thomas (PDNPA)
Sarah Bird (Co-ordinator)
Anne Robinson (FoPD)
Jon Stewart (NT)
Janet Belfield (NE)
Penny Anderson
Alison Pritchard (DCC)

1.2. Apologies

Peter Dewhurst (University of Derby)
Zahid Hamid

NB: Paul Roden (Business Peak District) has resigned from the Board due to other time commitments.

2. Meeting with Lowland Derbyshire LNP & D2N2 LEP

Jane Chapman and Neil Moulden provided feedback from the meeting they attended at Toyota on 15th July 2015.

Neil highlighted that the Lowland Derbyshire LNP is fundamentally different from Nature Peak District, in that it is very business-led. LDLNP have collated a large data set of natural capital, but it was unclear what their actions resulting from this were going to be. They have been working on the Peak Resort development, a former open-cast site. More information at <http://www.chesterfield.co.uk/developments/peak-resort/> and the link <http://www.peak-worldwide.com/>

Tony Walker (Toyota and Chair) and Tony Hams (East Midland Biodiversity Partnership) are both stepping down from the LNP Board later this year.

Options for future joint working: there is a possible proposal to work with D2N2, working with LNPs and the University of Derby/ other universities, to fund a local records centre.

Alison highlighted that there is a Nature Connectedness research group within University of Derby that works with the LDLNP and Derbyshire County Council. Their page can be found at <http://www.derby.ac.uk/science/research/centres-groups/psychological/groups/nature-connectedness/>

Action: AP to circulate details of Nature Connections event.

Jane is waiting for contact from the chief exec of D2N2 to discuss funding moorland restoration and positive work on water quality etc. It would be funding research, fire prevention and awareness-raising on SAC, SPA and Natura sites. There is a possibility this could be match-funded from MoorLIFE if this

goes ahead. This could work on the effects of the work on flooding in Derby and the Derwent catchment, and would integrate the National Trust strategy.

It is possible the IUCN Commission of Inquiry on Peatlands could determine the amount of carbon captured in peat, woodlands and species-rich grassland (compared to rye grass). Their research can be viewed at <http://www.iucn-uk-peatlandprogramme.org/publications/commission-inquiry>

Jon noted that as far as he is aware, statutory offsetting is not applicable in Britain, as it has to be an investment in a developing country.

3. Nature Peak District ambitions

The main purpose of this meeting was to continue the discussion on the priorities for Nature Peak District in 2015/16 and agree how we progress those priorities.

3.1. What NPD wants to do: check aspirations identified in last meeting

- Maintain and enhance the extent and quality of the natural world in the Peak District
- Ecosystem function and species richness
- Engage people with the natural environment
- More people will understand what 'good looks like'
- Integrate economic and environmental objectives
- An economy that enhances the environment
- Show visually what an inspiring, thriving landscape looks like in the 21st C.
- A forward-looking partnership
- Natural environment as a key measure of wellbeing for people who live in and visit the Peak District.

3.2. The 3 E's (Nature Peak District will...)

1. Environment

- Reverse the decrease in biodiversity in the Peak District by embracing the Lawton principles – 'bigger, better, more, joined up'
- Create an adaptable functioning ecosystem
- Become an exemplary model of what a thriving, inspiring landscape looks like in the 21st C.

2. Engagement

- Engage and involve people with the natural environment
- Increase understanding of what 'good' looks like
- Be the place of choice to see moorland management and species
- Encourage responsibility for the natural environment
- Enable communities to actively engage with their local environment
- Promote the achievements of Nature Peak District.

3. Economy

- Integrate economic and environmental objectives
- Support an economy that enhances the natural environment
- Highlight the fundamental importance of the natural environment to the Peak District and the economic benefits this brings
- Support and promote the development of a sustainable green economy
- Highlight the benefits of working with Nature Peak District.

4. Key aspirations in each National Character Area

4.1. White Peak (WP)

1. Protect and enhance threatened plateau grasslands including limestone heath and lead rakes habitats, and their cultural aspects
2. Daleside grasslands management
3. Dales woodland; creating new life and future-proofing, particularly in the face of ash dieback.
4. Associated iconic species: wood warbler, meadow cranesbill, dipper, water vole, otter?
5. Design and access opportunities in quarry restoration
6. Restore/ ensure water quality/ quantity
7. Protect and enhance field and boundary trees
8. Protect and enhance landscape features, for example drystone walls
9. Conserve and enhance features of geodiversity importance and engage people with geodiversity
10. Review realistic opportunities for diversifying the plateau, integrating with ecosystem service benefits, local community, visitor engagement, land ownership, offsetting, and maintaining links with Dales

4.2. Dark Peak (DP)

1. Viable populations of moorland species, particularly Birds of Prey, waders and Black grouse
2. Be the best place to see the above
3. Define and demonstrate best practice/ exemplar moorland management
4. Show how conservation and access can work together
5. Expand clough woodland
6. Restore the in-bye and moorland fringe
7. Resolve key moorland management issues (Birds of Prey, moorland burning on deep peat, moorland infrastructure and landscape)
8. Advocate improved accessibility, e.g. public transport in the face of funding shortages

4.3. South West Peak (SWP)

1. Continue to champion the South West Peak Landscape Partnership

5. Priorities/ next steps

Time did not allow members to complete this section at the meeting, so priorities put forward and those agreed to be assigned to expand ideas surrounding them are:

1. WP10 – RT, JS, PA
2. DP7 – JC
3. WP5 – JS
4. WP9 – RT
5. SWP1 – SB
6. DP8 – AR
7. Potential health and wellbeing priorities (vulnerable groups, outdoor play) - AP

To consider:

- What may be being done already by others
- Other partners objectives/ management plans
- How the LNP can contribute/ add value
- How it fits with the LNPs vision and the 3 E's
- How this will be achieved and by whom

Action: Each person leading on the seven suggested priorities to send a summary to SB prior to the next meeting.

6. Wider representation

Original representation was designed to include community, farming, business, health and conservation interests.

Current representation [Board]	Suggestions for wider representation
Peak District National Park Authority	Farming community (vacancy)
National Trust	Business Peak District (vacancy)
Natural England (Interim rep)	RSPB
Peak District Partnership	Derbyshire Wildlife Trust
University of Derby	Moorland/ upland
Derbyshire County Council /Health & wellbeing Board	Amenity/ recreation
Friends of the Peak District	Peak Park Parish Forum
Derbyshire Dales Community Voluntary Service	Local Access Forum
	Tourism (vacancy)

Penny Anderson is now a member of the National Park Authority, and will represent the Authority on the LNP. Penny will continue to provide updates and feedback to BAP partners until such time as either there is a conflict of interest, or the representation on the Board is broadened to include wider nature conservation interests.

Action: PA to circulate details of the CIEEM conference in Sheffield

Agreed once the priorities are determined, the Board can make a more informed choice on the appropriate representation on the Board, and elect a Chair.