



Peak District Local Nature Partnership Workshop

15th February 2016 2pm – 4:30pm

Boardroom, Aldern House, Bakewell DE45 1AE

Minutes

1. Introductions and Apologies

1.1. Present

Neil Moulden (Chair)
Jane Chapman (PDNPA)
John Scott (PDNPA)
Rhodri Thomas (PDNPA)
Sarah Bird (Co-ordinator)
Anne Robinson (FoPD)
Penny Anderson (PDNPA Member)
Peter Dewhurst (University of Derby)
Alison Pritchard (DCC)
Jo Smith (DWT)
Zahid Hamid (PDNPA Member)
Jon Stewart (NT)
Katie Lloyd (HLF East Midlands)

1.2. Apologies

James Marshall (NE)

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were approved; all actions have been completed or are being raised at this meeting.

The following actions have arisen as a consequence of the review of the minutes:

- SB & RWT to update the Action Plan and re-circulate for comments
- Once updated and the above completed, SB to circulate Action Plan to neighbouring LNPs for comment
- SB update newsletter and release as a Spring edition
- JS (DWT) to present an update on other LNPs at the next meeting
- All to send photo and short profile to SB for uploading to the LNP website
- PD and JC to follow up representative from Business Peak District
- JS (PDNPA) to explore representation from Historic England
- NM to explore representation from CLA
- JS and JC to explore representation from water company (e.g. Severn Trent)

3. HLF East Midlands

Natural Heritage is a local corporate priority for EM HLF; what are the barriers to application, potential projects and what support can HLF offer?

- Biggest barrier is that applications are resource-intensive, and overheads for staff are not covered (this has already been raised as an issue with HLF)
- The LNP is currently at low resilience as there is no funding from Government
- Success with landscape-scale South West Peak HLF bid
- The above does not inhibit application, smaller bids in this area could be used to complement the South West Peak project
- Potential White Peak project in the next 5-10 years
- Proposal by PA – disability-friendly viewpoints with places to eat lunch and disabled toilets

No set outcomes from the Natural Heritage priority, but should support people and communities, helping them become more resilient e.g. people – skills and learning, community – better environment and better place to live.

- The biggest population in the Park is visitors; it is difficult to fit these into the 'community' category

Is there a difficulty in engaging with people?

- Moors for the Future are tackling some of this through citizen science
- The LNP could potentially develop the legacy for the above
- Need to understand the barriers to engagement and understanding – cost, public transport

4. State of Nature

SB to send out summary document

All to contribute to the Future section on what we will do

SB/ RWT to engage in National Park Management Plan review and incorporate

All to identify key outcomes of launch event, sent to SB

SB to organise event

- State of Nature draft is out for comment and retrieving any key missing information
- Format of major habitats including species, with separate section for some species
- Best available information has been pulled together, with sections on conservation, trends (where possible) and what is happening at the moment
- Proposed last chapter highlights the relationship with ecosystem services and how it fits into the Natural Capital initiative
- Planned for report to be online only (perhaps a few full copies printed) with a paper copy of the summary document
- Launch event – needs a purpose, outcomes, careful messages and vision for nature for the next 10 years (information, intervention, improvement)
- Could get a celebrity to launch, possibly Biodiversity Day, when flowers are out

5. Strategic direction and draft Action Plan

5.1. White Peak

JC to inform PA of next meeting to have LNP representation (or AR if PA unavailable)

- Environment Agency co-ordinated a meeting with PDNPA, DWT, TRT, NE to consider priorities for these organisations
- Dales and water habitats featured prominently
- Future meeting will be end of March to consider data and evidence

5.2 Dark Peak

SB to include LNP position on Hen Harrier Day and wider moorland issues

SB to circulate Hen Harrier Action Plan

- Sarah Fowler is meeting with two groups (NE, Moorland Association and water companies; NE, DWT and RSPB) in near future re moorland management issues
- RWT took a paper on grouse moor management to the Strategic Advisory Group; they would like to see a collaborative but robust position
- Individual issues are being taken forward by specific groups
- PDNPA is drafting a note on moorland tracks
- The Bird of Prey group has agreed to incorporate Hen Harrier and Goshawk

5.3 Geodiversity

- RWT and Albert Benghiat have had a meeting with HLF
- Suggested a small interim project in preparation for considering a larger long-term project
- The Geotrail is considered as the small project, although still a lot of work to build an evidence base of potential use and demonstrate demand
- The above is being taken forward by Albert

5.4 Health & Access Teleconference

AP to provide summary of report 'A review of nature-based interventions for mental health care' (NECR204)

Decide on LNP representative (if appropriate) once teleconference date announced (most appropriate AP)

5.5 Longdendale

Several organisations met on 11/02/2015 to discuss a 'Vision' for the Longdendale valley and the potential bid for LEI funding for 'mitigating the visual effects of the overhead powerlines' in Longdendale. It was agreed that everyone would like to work together to realise a vision for Longdendale to 'Improve Longdendale valley (in terms of landscape, biodiversity and access) without impacting on the long-term aim of undergrounding the overhead power lines'. All also supported the Authority's proposal to bid for the mitigation funding. Sub-groups on Biodiversity, Landscape and Access (including interpretation and cultural heritage) will be set up to take ideas further.

6. Network Rail Infrastructure Projects

SB to make initial contact, AR will represent the LNP at the initial webinar (if appropriate)

Outcomes from the possible attendance of the webinar:

- Definition of offsetting
- Details on 'close' to the initial development/ works site
- Will it be 'like for like'?

7. Sheffield City Region Visioning

SB to collate comments and respond

8. Any other business

PA has applied to write a New Naturalist on the Peak District, dedicated to Dr Derek Yalden. PA will set up a trust to produce this, with proceeds (minus expenses) being used for conservation in the Peak District.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be end March/ beginning April (before the launch event)

SB to send round doodle poll for next meeting