

**PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
Climate Change Member Task Group
Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Webex videoconference**

Attended by:

Members

Janet Haddock-Fraser (JH-F), David Chapman (DC), Charlotte Farrell (CFa), Chris Furness (CFu), Lydia Slack (LS), Ken Smith (KS)

Officers

David Marsden (DM), Matt Mardling (MM)

Guests

None

| Agenda item | | Action |
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| 1. | <u>Apologies for absence</u> Emily Fox (EF), David Hickman (DH) | |
| 2. | <u>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising</u> Minutes agreed. Woodland strategy slides to be circulated. | MM |
| 3. | <u>Visitor patterns and their significance to local GHG emissions</u> DM – Bus operators expect a 20% permanent reduction in passage numbers following Covid19. Rail expecting a better outlook but still affected. This impacts NPA ambitions with the Hope Valley Explorer which was planned to be expanded but is now deferred to next year. Peak Gateway near Dronfield is now approaching development and NPA have signed a MOU to explore sustainable access for their visitors via the development. One electric pool car sourced pre lock down has been supplemented with another car and three electric vans. Electric charging points are planned for Millers Dale and Parsley Hay but NPA is not eligible for government funding which limited NPA ambitions. | |

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| <p>There is a Government proposal from next year for electric vehicles to have a green flash on the number plate to allow preferential treatment.</p> <p>Data on road use and trails can be provided to the group as soon as available.</p> <p>CFa – What is being done to improve road safety as that is the main deterrent to cycling.</p> <p>DM - The Key Cycle network is being developed by DCC which will address some of this. Further discussion is needed with Sheffield.</p> <p>CFa – What is happening to the active travel money provided in response to Covid19?</p> <p>DM – Money has been provided but most has been directed to areas of high population. The new yellow line at Ladybower are part of the response.</p> <p>CFa - Yellow lines alone are not the answer it just pushes problems elsewhere.</p> <p>DM – I totally agree which is why we need to develop the work around recreational hubs.</p> <p>CFu – Are we approaching D2N2 LEP to get money into our cycle lanes? They are spending a lot in Sheffield. Routes into the Hope Valley were planned in the past but seem to be stalled.</p> <p>DM – I will enquire via Richard Lovell to determine our engagement with D2N2 and project status regarding the Hope Valley.</p> <p>KS – Is there scope to promote cycle transfer into the Peak District via both the bus and rail network? This could support car free days.</p> <p>DM – This has been raised with Northern to encourage the idea of a carriage conversion for cycles. It can be raised again to see if there is potential.</p> <p>JHF – What can we be doing to incentivise people to pay for their access and contribute to the place?</p> <p>DM – Peak Gateway are looking to get their visitors to access sustainably.</p> <p>JHF – What do we know about the Sustainable Transport Steering Group? How do we keep up to date with them?</p> <p>DM – I will discuss with Brian Taylor and get an update to this members group.</p> <p>LS/JH – Driving and parking should be made as awkward as possible.</p> <p>CFa/KS – A congestion charge is needed.</p> | <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> |
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| | <p>JHF – Can we have more detail with total numbers and percentages on visitor numbers and emissions? Breaking down to include residents and haulage in the figures.</p> <p>JHF – Suggests the group link with Sarah Fowler to discuss the topic.</p> <p>CFu – Where are we with charging points on our car parks?</p> <p>DM – Public charging points are planned for Millers Dale and Parsley Hay. For staff at Parsley Hay, Brunts Barn, Longdendale and already at Aldern House.</p> <p>DM – A blanket 50 mph speed limit would help with safety and emissions.</p> <p>DC – We have no control over traffic volumes it's a national issue. We need to work nationally on this and in partnership.</p> | MM |
| 3. | <p>An update and discussion on member participation by theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture, forestry, Landscape – Lydia and Ken • Moorland – David and Ken • Cement works – Chris • Transport – Charlotte and Janet <p>DC – What is the relationship between groups?</p> <p>JHF – Liaison and informal communication of relevant developments and information.</p> <p>KS – Disseminating information and understanding between expert groups is useful as it does not always happen.</p> <p>LS – Could we have a planning officer attend to give info on sustainable building? The planning cttee seldom see very sustainable design proposed.</p> <p>KS – Agree and a conservation officer could help to discuss retro-fitting.</p> <p>JHF – Cement works have collectively agreed to work towards carbon neutrality by 2050 and will circulate an article.</p> <p>CFa – Breedon are consulting on changes in their practices and will share to communication.</p> <p>JHF – Horizon 2020 is University funding which we are hoping to access before we leave the EU to work with University of Sheffield to examine visitor movements and psychology.</p> <p>Also looking to meet with Sarah Fowler to discuss transport network hubs. A consultation is currently out via Tim Nicolson. Please respond.</p> | <p>JHF</p> <p>CFa</p> <p>All</p> |

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| 3. | <p><u>UK National Parks climate change group update – BEIS data</u></p> <p>Slides attached.</p> <p>DC – We are way out in front of other national parks is that to do with Breedon?</p> <p>MM- Yes 2/3 of all emissions now charted come from Breedon.</p> <p>DC – Is the methane due to the moorland emissions?</p> <p>MM – No it is due to the extensive dairy sector compared with other parks.</p> <p>JHF – Good first step but need to build understanding and potential options from what lies behind the numbers. What can we learn for other parks?</p> <p>KS/JHF – Trends and fluctuations maybe more helpful. Why has domestic emissions fallen for instance?</p> <p>DC – DDDC consultancy work is positive and can be viewed on the 6th October.</p> | MM |
| 10 | <p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Next meeting agenda to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work of Moors for the Future Partnership • Group communications • Any other business <p>Future meeting to include planning/conservation officers to discuss home efficiency, retro-fitting and sustainable design. (Date TBC)</p> | DC MM |

Future Meetings:

15th Oct 8:30am
26th Nov 8:30am

Distribution:

***All invitees
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