

Peak District Local Access Forum Access sub-group 10th November, 2020 - Follow Up by John T

1. The meeting enabled good discussion and suggestions on the actions I had put forward arising from looking at and recording questionnaire responses to my report which we ran out of time to have a discussion about on 26th September. My follow up report was circulated to all members and is attached. We again ran out of time to discuss all matters raised so I have set out below what I would welcome responses on to help please and have made suggestions for involvement **in red below**- Please respond to me ahead of our 3rd December LAF online.

2. We invited all LAF members to the Sub Group, and notes Mike drafted and shared with Bob and I are attached as an item for the December LAF.

3. Key points from para 5 of my report to the Sub Group and current suggestions are:

Right to Roam Campaign - note it at this stage, and consider from my report and questionnaire responses, aspects of it and actions in practical terms for the Peak.
(Need to know what all LAF Members think and Advise please)

Access Review Report - After the CROW Act, Open Country Access in the National Park increased from 249 sq.km. to 524 sq.km (37% of the N.P.). Improvements continue through Access Fund and Wish List. Sound out Peak and DCC, then LAF?
(Ongoing reports as time permits please by Sue and Gill to Access Sub Group)

Open Country Mapping Review - Peak District NPA and Derbyshire CC Officers advice would be welcomed please as to whether they can report now, or to a future Access Sub Group, and then press Natural England on the Review.
(Mike, Sue and Gill to report when possible please)

Woodland Access - suggest at this we encourage dedication and safeguarding of Public Access to Woodlands more widely in future.
(Previously agreed and ongoing and LAF has now responded to Draft Wooded Landscapes Plan from the Peak District NPA asking for more emphasis on Access and Recreation Routes)

Other Current Access Issues - suggest feedback from officers at the Sub Group please on their knowledge of the problems referred to and solutions please.
(Mike, Sue and Gill as possible please working with Bob as Chair of Access Sub)

Water Recreation - work with Ben, British Canoeing, DADLAF, the NPA and other interests on a proposed River Derwent Pilot Project for a shared use agreement.
(Ben kindly following up from the Sub Group through British Canoeing with Defra, Chatsworth (for guidance on approach) and other owners plus anglers regarding the River Derwent).

Access to Reservoirs - Louise to consider please in relation to her offer to help based on BMC experiences, and meet with Alistair for Yorkshire Water, Severn Trent Water and United Utilities with LAF (Geoff) & Peak representatives.

(Any thoughts or Suggestions please Louise?)

Wild Camping - discuss action needed and practical regarding comments made.

(Any offers to lead on this for the LAF please?)

Mountain Biking - agree previous position statement through LAF. Consider if there is scope to look at more provision of facilities for mountain biking and facilities as well as more cycling links into the National Park, building on work done to date.

(Paul - please can you lead on this important topic given your knowledge & experience?)

Country Code and #Peak District Proud - ask Roly with Gill, Jon and Mike to feedback appropriate suggestions to Sarah Wilks and the NP Working Group.

(Roly, please can you review re suggestions referred to liaising with Jez and Steve, along with Gill, John Stewart, Andy Farmer and Mike to feedback any suggestions for the future to Sarah Wilks for the Working Group and via LAF membership back to the National Park Management Advisory Group?)

Recreation Hubs -our input is planned to forthcoming Workshop on action to take Recreation Hubs in and around the Peak forward in future planning and management of visitors and pressure. For example, the PEAK facility on the edge of the Peak District N.P. and Cheasterfield is to be marketed as a gateway, resort and campus attracting international and city based visitors to the area as well as being available to local and regional residents.

(John and Mike to report back from the Workshop to December LAF)

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16th November 2020