



Notes of the Meeting of Nottinghamshire Local Access Forum

Date: Tuesday 26th April 2016, 7.15pm

Venue: County Hall, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, NG2 7QP

Forum Members: Mary Mills (Chair), Peter Hiley (Vice Chair), Dennis Reeson, Simon Wilson, Alison Pritchard, Hilary Limb, Alex Staniforth, Councillor Yvonne Woodhead, Alan Hudson, Penny Lymn Rose, Ken Brown

Officers and Guests: Neil Lewis (NCC)

1. **Apologies:** Sue Guy, Councillor Sybil Fielding, Cathy Charles-Jones
2. **Minutes of the Meeting 26th January 2016** Accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda** – none
4. **Proposed seasonal Traffic Regulation Order - Bassetlaw**

NL explained the rationale behind the proposal to seasonally close a number of byways in the north east of the County. The proposal would be to close seven byways open to all traffic from 1st November to 30th April annually. The closure would only be applicable to mechanically propelled vehicles with three or more wheels. LAF members discussed the pros and cons, a number of questions were raised. LAF members agreed that it was a good balance for all users and supported the proposal.

5. **The end of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme?**

Alex introduced the agenda item and informed members of Natural England's decision to end paying landowners for providing permissive access. It was proposed that the LAF identify all schemes in the county; look at their strategic value; and lobby Natural England.

6. **Election of new LAF Chair and Vice-chair**

Alex Staniforth and Penny Lymn Rose were unanimously voted new Chair and Vice-chair respectively. The Forum thanked Mary and Peter as leaving Chair and Vice-chair.

7. **Gating Orders / Public Spaces Protection Orders**

None

8. **NCC Committee update**

NL informed Forum members that he presented a report to NCC's Planning and Licensing Cttee. The report provided Cttee members with information relating to a proposed Creation Order at the former colliery site of Bevercotes.

9. Village Greens

None

10. PPOs and DMMOs

None

11. AOB

- Brief summary of De-regulation Act
- BHS Row course at Leicester
- Discussion on NCC's Case Load for Definitive Map Modification Orders
- NCC's Spring Ploughing and Cropping Campaign 2016
- Natural England LAF report to write – NL and MM to complete

The Chair concluded the meeting, thanked all those present for attending and closed the meeting.

Close of Meeting