



## Notes of the Meeting of Nottinghamshire Local Access Forum

**Date:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015, 7.15pm  
**Venue:** Woodborough Institute, Roe Lane, Woodborough

**Forum Members:** Mary Mills (Chair), Peter Hiley (Vice Chair), Dennis Reeson, John Barlow, Simon Wilson, Cathy Charles-Jones, Alison Pritchard

**Officers and Guests:** Gwyneth McMinn (Network Development Manager for Sustrans), Neil Lewis (NCC), Sylvia Hull (BHS), three members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Yvonne Woodhead, Sue Guy, Alan Hudson, Charles Langtree, Penny Lymn Rose, Alex Staniforth, Hilary Limb
2. **Minutes of the Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014** Accepted as a true record.
3. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda** – none
4. **Sustrans update by Gwyneth McMinn, Network Development Manager**

Gwyneth introduced herself and kindly provided the Forum an insight into the work of Sustrans. Sustrans is a charity working to encourage sustainable transport. A lot of work is undertaken by volunteers such as Sustrans Rangers who assist in maintaining and signing the National Cycle Network. Gwyneth updated members on a number of projects they are currently working on including the reinstatement of two major structures in the county; Bennerley Viaduct and Torksey Viaduct. The aim of both projects is to initially open the structures to walkers, and cyclists and horse riders thereafter as funding becomes available. Torksey is more advanced and should be available for walkers later this year. Bennerley is a larger and more expensive project, with an estimated cost of £2.5 million. The Forum also discussed a number of other NCN routes and dis-used railway lines.

### 5. **Nottinghamshire Rights of Way Management Plan (aka ROWIP)**

NL introduced and explained the background to the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP), now known as Rights of Way Management Plan. NL updated the Forum on the work undertaken so far and provided a first very draft copy of the Plan to members. A brief overview of the Plan was provided and NL asked members for their feedback on this initial draft for further discussion at the next meeting in July. NL to provide a timetable at the next LAF meeting.

### 6. **East Coast Mainline scheme to remove level crossings**

NL updated members on Network Rail's scheme to close all the level crossings in Nottinghamshire on the ECML. Network Rail's consultants are close to summarising the views of all the consultees and were preparing to present the findings to Network Rail for their consideration. NL to update members at July's meeting.

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

Nothing to report

## **8. NCC Rights of Way Committee update**

NL informed the Forum about a report he presented at February's Planning and Licensing Committee. The report, as discussed at February's meeting recommended changes to decision-making in relation to some Rights of Way matters in order for Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) applications to be processed more quickly and efficiently. If approved it will mean that Officers, after consulting and with the agreement of the local elected member, the Chairman of the P&L Cttee and the Group Manager, will be able to go straight to order making even where an objection has been received at pre-consultation.

## **9. Village Greens**

Update on Toton Sidings Village Green Application. The Public Inquiry starts on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

## **10. PPOs and DMMOs**

Brief discussion regarding recent DMMOs and PPOs.

## **11. AOB**

NL updated the Forum on the latest proposals by Nottinghamshire County Council to form a company with CORMAC to manage the County's Highway Network.

MM informed the Forum regarding the Ploughing and Cropping survey co-ordinated by the Countryside Team. MM thanked the volunteer surveyors including a number of LAF members who assisted with the undertaking of the surveys.

NL reminded the Forum about the forthcoming 'Get Walking Festival' organised by Nottinghamshire Ramblers'. The festival will start with a launch event on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015, 11:00 start at Teversal Visitor Centre, followed by a short walk in Teversal Woods – all are welcome!

**The next full LAF meeting will be at Woodborough Institute on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

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

**Close of Meeting**