NOTTINGHAM LOCAL ACCESS FORUM (NLAF)

M I N U T E S

Meeting held on 09/04/14 Loxley House from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm room LH 2:11

✓ - indicates present at meeting

Jonathon Fletcher	✓	Peter Nelder	✓
Peter Gill	✓	Steve Rhodes	✓
Councillor Brian Grocock		Roger Sexton	✓
Tom Huggon		Chris Thompson	✓
Nick Hynes	✓	Ruth Thurgood (vice chair)	
Margaret Knowles	✓	Councillor Jane Urquhart	✓
Hugh McClintock (chair)	✓	Dan Yates	✓
Diane Moore	✓		

Also in attendance:

John Lee, Public Rights of Way (Advisor, Nottingham City Council)
Paul Sladen Footpath 28 observer (from 8.15pm till end of meeting at 8.30pm)

ACTIONS

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Grocock, Tom Huggon and Ruth Thurgood

2.0 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Items outstanding / to be taken forward / for consideration are: **SR**
Item 2.2 Steve Rhodes has visited Holland Street and no signs of street drinking and will continue to monitor
Item 2.3 John Lee updated the meeting on the Colwick Park footbridge and expressed frustration at the length of time it has taken to raise a cheque to pay for the planning application
Item 2.4 Hugh McClintock read through an email received from Mr Sladen concerning footpath 28 and agreed that the forum should support an opening ceremony for the new footpath **ALL**
Item 2.5 John Lee updated on Holland Street gating order 12 month review and discussion followed on the new powers under the Crime, ASB and Police Act and how the LAF can be involved. Agreed to discuss at the next sub group meeting
Item 5.1 Margaret Knowles updated on the Robin Hood Chase planning application and was in principal pleased with the outcome
9.1 John Lee explained that LAF's cannot join IPROW but are welcome to subscribe to Waymark, the quarterly journal. Alternatively, could relevant articles be sent to members? John to **JL**

identify funding and check with IPROW.

3. UPDATE FROM THE WALKS SUBGROUP INCLUDING PROMOTION OF THE WALKS

3.1 Chris Thompson updated on the subgroup and the launch on the Wollaton Walk on the 27th April. The sub group will meet after tonight's LAF meeting. Cllr Urquhart will contact Cllr Trimble to check his availability for the 27th April. **CT/JU**

3.2 Discussion took place on the front cover images for the Sneinton Walk Leaflet and trying to combine the "urban and green" environments which make this walk unique. Agreed that the images should be modified to include William Booth, the Mill and a new one showing Colwick Woods. John Lee to arrange and forward to all for comment before printing. **JL**

3.3 Margaret Knowles asked whether the LAF should contact Age Concern who now runs "Best Foot Forward" walk programme. Agreed that this is a good idea. **MK**

3.4 Chris Thompson updated on the next 2 walks being progressed covering Bulwell and Strelley. He also asked whether the new RideWise Leaflets duplicate the LAF leaflets. Agreed that the leaflets were different and although both promoted local history/places of interest the RideWise version was aimed more at cyclists. Also, agreed to leave the Clifton, Wilford and Silverdale Walk until the completion of the tram and A453 works. Sub group

4. UPDATE FROM THE DEFINITIVE MAP SUB GROUP

Chris Thompson is keen to arrange further training at the Archives with a view to researching the evidence for making applications to add routes to the definitive map ahead of the 2026 cut-off date. Agreed that the sub group should focus on the City Centre alleyways and look at Garners Hill in the first instance. Sub group meeting to be arranged for April. John Lee

5. UPDATE ON ROW SCHEMES

John Lee updated on this current years (2013/14) LTP walking and cycling schemes and summarised the schemes put forward for 2014/15 funding.

6. REPORT FROM THE LAF NATIONAL CONFERENCE, DURHAM 7th MARCH

Ruth Thurgood attended the national conference in Durham and provided notes which Hugh McClintock read out and discussion

followed

7.0 **REVIEW OF MEMBERS ASPIRATIONS AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS**

The Chair asked each member to highlight their aspirations, including priorities for the next 3 years.

- Margaret Knowles – promoting rights of way for keeping fit and healthy and engaging/influencing the planning process to protect and where possible enhance the network.
- Jon Fletcher – having worked at the County Council, feels LAF's should help to protect the network and keep rights of way on the agenda. Keen on further visits to the Archives
- Roger Sexton – ensuring ROW are recorded and protected on the definitive map. With gating orders being replaced and no sub group the LAF get involved in the new process
- Jane Urquhart – having an active forum helps understand the needs of users of rights of way and helps with PH role and thanked everyone - key aspiration is that the LAF continues to grow and develop
- Chris Thompson – asked whether the LAF represent all users and would like to recruit disabled users and a rep from the equestrian community. Would like to invite a disabled rep to a future meeting
- Steve Rhodes – feels very fortunate to be on the forum and the more we can do to Nottingham's ROW the better, sees getting schools / young people involved as priority and to keep going in the right direction
- Dan Yates – is interested in community engagement, getting people out and about, promoting the walking leaflets, talking to people, remaining pragmatic and seeing the bigger picture
- Diane Moore -

8.0 JL outlined the voting procedure and nominations were collected. All nominees for Chair and Vice Chair were asked to give a short outline of what they could bring to the LAF. Voting took place and Hugh McClintock accepted the position of Chair and Ruth Thurgood Vice Chair.

4.0 **GATING ORDER SUB GROUP (UPDATES)**

4.1 Holland Street covered under previous minutes above. New legislation coming through to replace gating orders. TH asked JL to send all the gating order information to the LAF members. JL directed members to the Councils website www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/rightsofway which has the statutory

register of gating orders and other ROW/LAF information.

5.0 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SUB GROUP (UPDATES)

5.1 MK mentioned the "new" Local Plan consultation and the LAF site visit to Robin Hood Chase in relation to the new development and potential closure of footpaths and creation of new footpath. MK had no objections to the development in principal but stated that all new footpaths should be designed to be user friendly with appropriate widths, surfaces, boundary treatments etc. MK spoke to the planning officer and comments were submitted under a tight deadline.

5.2 TH, with his open spaces champions' hat on, proposed that the next meeting should cover "the inclosure land boundaries for Robin Hood Chase". All agreed this was a worthy item for the next meeting. **TH**

5.3 JL mentioned the ongoing planning application for Radford Bridge allotments adjacent to Martins Pond. It was decided, due to the short time scale for submitting further comments on this, the LAF would rely on its previous comments.

6.0 DEFINITIVE MAP SUB GROUP (ANY UPDATES).

JL/CT/sub group

6.1 CT would like to arrange further training at the Archives then move onto claiming routes to add them to the definitive map.

7.0 SELF GUIDED WALKS (THE WAY FORWARD AND NEXT WALKS SUB GROUP)

CT/RT

7.1 CT thanked everyone who has contributed to the walks. CT would like an official launch for the leaflets to promote the benefits of walking and the history of Nottingham. The aim is to promote the walks with Ward Councillors, schools, associations, local residents groups etc.

Sub Group

7.2 The Sneinton walk is nearing completion and the group would like a date for finalising this walk (printing etc). JL has asked for an LTP contribution for funding the leaflets. A date will be confirmed subject to the next sub group meeting.

7.3 A discussion was held on the need for "Way Markers" along self-guided walks. It was agreed that "Way Markers" are not required on short walks and the use of these would depend on the individual route and topography etc, and each walk to be reviewed on a case by case basis. TH does not want any more street clutter.

7.4 The Clifton walk is on hold due to the A453 and Tram Works.
Future walk are proposed to cover parts of Bulwell, Strelley and Broxtowe. The group would like to incorporate the Tram network

into circular walks as this supports ROWIP2.

8.0 UPDATE ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (LTP SCHEMES FOR 2013/14, ROWIP2, PUBLIC PATH ORDERS, MODIFICATION ORDERS AND GATING ORDERS)

8.1 All LTP 2013/14 schemes should be complete on time.

8.2 Trent Lane footbridge is now open and Meadow Lane footbridge should be open during February 2014. The Colwick Park footbridge linking to Gedling across the Loop should be in place over spring 2014.

8.3 ROWIP2 consultation draft should be published during April / May 2014, currently legal services are checking the policy elements.

8.4 Received 3 applications for DMMO's; Victoria Centre, Broad Marsh Centre and Bestwood Park Drive West plus reviewing the DMMO application for Victoria Embankment.

9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

All/JL

9.1 CT mentioned the Way Mark Newsletter, JL advised he is a member of IPROW and receives this newsletter. CT thinks the LAF should join IPROW. JL to check.

DM

9.2 Huddle is the national LAF website and DM will send the details to LAF members so they can sign up if they wish.

9.3 MK mentioned that on18th January there will be a conference at the Nottingham Contemporary which may be of interest.

9.4 CT thanked Diane for her opening speech and her commitment as Chair of the LAF. The group echoed CT's sentiments.

9.5 DM would like to get more involved in Open and Green Spaces.

9.6 Attention was drawn to the note on every agenda stating members should declare any interests under the appropriate agenda item. TH explained the reasons behind this and what constitutes an "interest" which should be declared.

10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9/4/2014 LB 41 6.30-8.30
9/7/2014 LH 2.11 6.30-8.30
8/10/2014 LH 2.11 6.30-8.30