NOTTINGHAM LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

M I N U T E S

of meeting held on **10th January 2007** at the

Council House from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm

✓	Malcolm Bescoby	✓	Nick Hynes
✓	John Boland	✓	Wendy Judge
✓	Bill Clarke	✓	Trevor Muxlow
✓	Roger Codling		Mary Myles
✓	Angela Cooke		Councillor Packer
✓	Councillor Grocock	✓	Joan Wildgust
✓	Tom Huggon	✓	Bill Wright

✓ - indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

John Lee (Secretary), Evie Stewart (Minutes), Caroline Stylianou, Chris Smith (Natural England)

Action

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Councillor Packer, Mary Myles

2 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 (Item 2.1) With regard to the footpath closed off by Greenwood School, Tom Huggon has not yet submitted the forms for a modification order, but is due to in the near future. **Tom Huggon**

2.2 (Item 3.2) Bulwell Hall Park was agreed as the location for the next forum outing. Possible dates will be sent out to determine availability. **Evie Stewart**

2.3 (Item 4.5) Meeting regarding Discovering Lost Ways has been arranged for both City and County LAFs on Tuesday 16th January 2007 at County Hall.

2.4 (Item 7.1) John Lee has featured in a 'day in the life of' article in a Ramblers publication.

3 CLIFTON TO BEESTON FOOT AND CYCLE BRIDGE

3.1 Proposals are being drawn up by the City Council for the construction of a foot and cycle bridge across the River Trent from Clifton to Beeston. An expression of interest has been submitted to Sustrans, who are to apply for National Lottery funding. The proposal is in very early stages, and the City Council have not yet committed any money. So far has received a mix of positive and negative responses, including concerns over crime and antisocial behaviour and arguments that natural barriers should be maintained. The next stage will be to submit for planning approval.

The forum endorsed the idea and commended the work that has taken place to date.

4 UPDATE ON DEFINITIVE RIGHTS OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY

4.1 Following legal advice from the City Councils Legal Services, Inclosure Awards are to be used as the legal event to justify the making of Legal Event Modification Orders. The first to be made is Elm Avenue/Corporation Oaks/Robin Hood Chase. Tom Huggon to provide evidence for further paths to be considered. **Tom Huggon**

4.2 A request was put to the forum for members to bring along any issues to meetings that will be relevant for discussion such as possible modification orders. **All**

5 UPDATE ON HIGHWAY LEGISLATION

5.1 Defra guidance on mechanically propelled vehicles which is currently in draft form is due to be published shortly.

5.2 Revised LAF guidance is still in draft form.

6 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

6.1 A final first draft of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan was made available for members to view. Requires approval by the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Street Services (Councillor Grocock), and will then be taken to Executive Board for approval. It was agreed that reference to the City Councils vision statement and the use of a disclaimer should be given some further thought.

Following approval by Councillor Grocock, copies will be sent out to forum members. **Evie Stewart**

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Trevor Muxlow raised an issue regarding overgrown grass at Wollaton Park, preventing people from walking on the grass and **Trevor Muxlow**

causing safety problems if litter/bottles are left. John Lee confirmed that it was a new initiative brought in a few years ago to leave the park in a natural state following over intensive management of various sites, however green pathways should still be provided. It was suggested that Paul Owen, Nature Conservation Officer may be the appropriate person to contact, and his details will be forwarded to Trevor Muxlow.

7.2 BHS are holding another Rights of Way training day near Grantham on 24th February. It is designed for horseriders but is useful for all users, and covers Rights of Way law, claiming paths etc. The cost is £20, which can be claimed back from the City Council. Interested members should contact Angela Cooke. **All**

7.3 A training event organised by Natural England for LAF members is being held on Friday 2nd March at the National Water Sports Centre. There is space available for 4 Nottingham LAF members and it was agreed that Bill Wright, Trevor Muxlow, Joan Wildgust and Nick Hynes will attend. Wendy Judge and Malcolm Bescoby are reserves should there be any spare places.

7.4 Roger Codling has received complaints from cyclists regarding motorcycle inhibitor barriers, particularly along the Mill Street path adjacent to the River Leen. It was confirmed that they were installed as a result of local residents suffering from motorbikes/quad bikes using the path, including one individual being hit and ending up in hospital.

7.5 Tom Huggon confirmed that the City Council's Open and Green Spaces Strategy ('Breathing Space') was approved before Christmas. Jenny French is happy to come along to a future meeting to present to the forum. John Lee to arrange. **John Lee**

7.6 Tom Huggon raised an issue regarding the footpath linking Carlton Road and Sneinton Dale, on which cars are dumped frequently. Improvements to fences would prevent the situation. It was suggested that the Area Committee may be worth contacting regarding environmental improvements. John Lee to action. **John Lee**

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8.1 Wednesday 11th April 2007