NOTTINGHAM LOCAL ACCESS FORUM (NLAF)

M I N U T E S

of meeting held on **11th April 2012** Loxley House from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

✓ - indicates present at meeting

Malcolm Bescoby		Diane Moore (Chair)	✓
John Boland	✓	Hugh McClintock	✓
Don Cameron	✓	Trevor Muxlow	✓
Angela Cooke (Vice Chair)	✓	Chris Thompson	✓
Councillor Brian Grocock		Councillor Jane Urquhart	
Tom Huggon	✓		
Nick Hynes			

Also in attendance:

John Lee, Public Rights of Way (Advisor, Nottingham City Council)
Matt Leek, Traffic Management (Secretary, Nottingham City Council)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE **ACTIONS**

1.1 Malcolm Bescoby (resigned from LAF), Councillor Grocock, Nick Hynes, Councillor Jane Urquhart

2 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

2.1 Item 3.1 of the previous minutes: John Lee advised the improvements to the paths along the River Leen are complete. Work due to start on the section of path to the rear of the Bulwell Joint Service Centre. All agreed that this may be a good area to arrange a future site visit/walk about. Paths will be added to the definitive map. John Lee

2.2 Item 5.1 of the previous minutes: Chris Thompson enquired whether the Bridge Estates Fund could be used to part-fund the footbridge at Colwick Park. Tom Huggon advised that the Bridge fund is used for the maintenance / replacement of bridges, so in theory it could. Chris Thompson and Tom Huggon agreed to write a letter to the appropriate Council body for clarification. Chris Thompson and Tom Huggon

2.3 Item 7.2 of the previous minutes: for Meadow Lane, John Lee advised that a Diversion Order (S119 Highways Act 1980) had been made to divert the path onto the new bridge.

Discussion took place on the design of the bridge at Meadow Lane and Trent Lane. The Chair also summarised the discussions from the Development Control Committee meeting. It was agreed that the forum would write to Network Rail to put their views forward on the Diane Moore, Angela Cooke,

design and suggest alternatives. The following members agreed to be involved: Diane Moore, Angela Cooke, Tom Huggon, Hugh McClintock and Chris Thompson. — Tom Huggon, Hugh McClintock, and Chris Thompson

2.4 Item 7.3 of the previous minutes: Chris Thompson proposed writing to the Local Planning Authority to set up regular meetings. Additionally, John Lee advised that the LPA was undertaking further LDF consultation on additional sites up to 30th April 2012. — Chris Thompson

3 FEEDBACK FROM THE DEFINITIVE MAP WORKING GROUP AND NEXT STEPS.

3.1 Don Cameron and Trevor Muxlow advised that they had completed 1 Legal Event Modification Order each. Don had experienced some IT issues. John Lee suggested future training at Loxley House may help. — John Lee and Don Cameron.

3.2 Chris Thompson thanked those members involved and was keen to keep the momentum going. Chris Thompson agreed to take a lead on this. — Chris Thompson.

4 JOINT PROJECT WITH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL LAF – COLWICK PARK FOOTBRIDGE.

4.1 Positive and supportive discussion took place; a footbridge would be a valuable asset and should be pursued.

4.2 Chris Thompson enquired about the design of the footbridge re flooding / high water levels. John Lee advised that this will be taken into account by the EA during the consent process.

4.3 John Lee and Neil Lewis (Nottinghamshire County Council) will write to the EA asking them what their intention are for opening up the path adjacent to Cottage Meadow (Gedling Borough) that is currently obstructed by fencing. — John Lee

5 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES FOR 2012/13

5.1 Diane Moore explained that the forum's future goals should be linked to the previously submitted aspiration forms and asked members what their key priority was:

Hugh McClintock – Better directional signage on cycling routes, especially at strategic points.

Chris Thompson – Better provision for cyclists to ride on the footway. — John Lee

Tom Huggon - raising the profile of the forum via meetings with Development Control Committee and Planning section. Secondly,

ROWIP2 needs to be progressed. Thirdly, members of the forum should visit the Area Committee's to explain the scope of what a Gating Order is.

John Boland - Modifications Orders for the Nottingham Park Estate and Bulwell Golf Course. John Lee advised that due to staff reductions it was not possible to progress these. In response, John Boland and Chris Thompson agreed to write a letter to the Chief Executive for more resources in the Rights of Way. — John Boland and Chris Thompson

Trevor Muxlow - additions to the definitive map such as the footpath at Newcastle Farm Drive in Aspley. Chris Thompson and Trevor Muxlow agreed to progress this to application stage. — Trevor Muxlow and Chris Thompson

Angela Cooke - issue of cyclists and horse riders on shared use paths. — Angela Cooke

5.2 Discussion took place about whether it was a good idea to have so many different priorities. John Lee suggested priorities should be determined by the likelihood of being able to influence decisions, and by the timescales of certain projects. Matt Leek and John Lee to send out a form for members to rank priorities. — John Lee and Matt Leek

7 UPDATE ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN, IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 2012/13, PUBLIC PATH ORDERS, MODIFICATION ORDERS AND GATING ORDERS.

John Lee provided an update on how ROWIP2 needs to be prepared and that a new assessment has to be made in accordance with the statutory guidelines. A list of LTP funded walking and cycling schemes for 2012/13 was also provided.

8 DEVELOPING A SERIES OF GUIDED WALKS IN NOTTINGHAM: CHRIS THOMPSON.

8.1 Chris Thompson: If we are to protect public rights of way, we need to promote them. A guided walk programme is a good way forward as it will enable us to link up with schools, ethnic minorities, community groups etc. All walks could be listed with a view to recording these in a walking book prepared by the forum.

7.1 Trevor Muxlow: The Ramblers Association already does this. Insurance and Health & Safety should be carefully assessed.

7.2 Hugh McClintock: It's very important to promote public rights of way. The Cycle Ride scheme run by Nottinghamshire County Council was taken over by Ridewise. Hopefully more funding will become available in the future.

8 AOB:

8.1 Can all those who have arranged to attend meetings submit their availability so that arrangements can be made? Can members also submit their priorities before 31st May.

8.2 Hugh McClintock agreed to be a Huddle user.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11th July 2012, Loxley House, LH1.15.