# NOTTINGHAM LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

## M I N U T E S

Meeting held on 5th April 2017 Loxley House from 6.30 pm to 8.30pm, Room LH 2:13

Present at meeting

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| Roger Sexton | Diane Moore |
| Hugh McClintock (vice chair) | |
| Steve Rhodes | |
| Margaret Knowles | |
| Ruth Thurgood (chair) | |
| Jon Fletcher | |
| Ian Bussey | |

**Also in attendance:**

John Lee, Public Rights of Way, advisor and minutes (Nottingham City Council)

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## 1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

1.1 Katie France, Chris Thompson, Councillor Grocock, Councillor Urquhart, Councillor McDonald, John Rhodes, Nick Hynes.

## 2.0 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Hugh McClintock - reference to crossing point on Queens Road to link to Summer Leys Lane added to minutes of meeting 11th January 2017. Minutes agreed

## 3.0 SIGNING RIGHTS OF WAY: HUGH MCCLINTOCK

3.1 HMc gave a presentation on the ROW signs across Nottingham and other regions along with some of the more recent additions and improvements. Discussion followed and in conclusion, although singing and way marking has improved, there still needs to be more consistency and vegetation covering signs is still an issue.

## 4.0 UPDATE FROM THE WALKS SUBGROUP (RUTH/SUBGROUP)

4.1 SR has all the contact details for sending invites. Few suggested changes to the walk poster, including reference to dogs, suitability of route for prams, buggies and mobility scooters and duration.

4.2 Changes to the LAF website including reference to walk leaflets and other LAF work. All members to check website and feedback comments. **ACTION ALL.**

4.3 CT to progress the Bestwood walk. **ACTION CT.**

4.4 Clifton Walk – IB and MK to re-walk the route and redraft the route descriptions. **ACTION IB AND MK**

4.5 IB advised that the Sherwood walk is progressing well and has changed the route description to fit the agreed leaflet format of 3 pages instead of 2. **ACTION IB**

## 5.0 UPDATE FROM THE PLANNING SUBGROUP (MARGARET)

5.1 DM asked how planning application which affect ROW are flagged up, for example how did the LAF get to know about the development at Robin Hood Chase? JL advised that the planning team used to send him a weekly list of planning applications which stopped around 3/4 years ago so now it's a case of having to check the planning database. JL to see if this list is still available. **ACTION JL**

5.2 MK and JL asked whether the planning sub group would benefit from training on using the database and a session covering the relevant considerations when responding to planning applications. JL agreed to check availability of colleagues in the Highway Development Management team. **ACTION JL**

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## 6.0 UPDATE ON LAF RECRUITMENT

6.1 JL advised that the recruitment is progressing well with a number of expressions of interests received and application packs sent out. More posters will be going up around Nottingham and membership is open to anyone who lives outside of Nottingham's boundary, as rights of way do not respect political boundaries.

## 7.0 LAF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

7.1 Members were asked to suggest any training and development which would help in their LAF work; RS raised integration of transport modes such as cycling and walking and public transport; IB referred to Chris Matthews and his work on combining public transport and walking / cycling within promotional leaflets; DM referred to communications between the Council and the public and HMc referred to health and wellbeing and the "happier and healthier lives" document. **ACTION JL**

## 8.0 HOW YOUR HOBBIES, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE CAN SUPPORT FUTURE LAF ACTIVITIES

8.1 JL asked members to think about this item and how members other interests and hobbies may be used to support LAF work.

## 9.0 LAF NEWS FROM THE REGION (RT AND HMc)

9.1 The recent regional meeting which were previously arranged by Natural England and now by the LAF's. RT and HMc summarised the content of the regional meeting held at Loxley House on 14th March and the need to share ideas between LAF's and the presentation by NCVS and Sustrans. All agreed to support the Bennerley Viaduct project. The national LAF conference in July was also mentioned.

## 10.0 UPDATE ON THE FOOT / CYCLE BRIDGE PROPOSALS, LADY BAY TO TRENT LANE (HMc)

10.1 HMc advised that Sustrans are working on the economic case for the bridge, which is taking longer than anticipated. Keith Morgan at the City Council is drafting a brief for officers. Rushcliffe BC need to be engaged further so it's a long process to make sure all the relevant points are addressed and partners involved. JF asked whether developers could get more involved if the bridge would benefit their development regarding sustainable transport links.

## 11.0 UPDATE ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY SCHEMES, IMPROVEMENTS AND ORDERS

11.1 JL summarised the work on PROW since the last meeting and in particular progressing dedication of a number of routes which cross Council land so they can be added to the definitive map and statement giving both walkers

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and cyclists a legal right of way.

## 12.0 SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12.1 Members were asked to suggest guest speakers for future meetings. HMc asked about Helen Ross from the D2N2 project. **ACTION JL**

## 13.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None raised

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 28th June 2017
6.30 – 8.30pm, Loxley House Room 2.13

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