

LAF CHAIR MEETING – 30th January 2017

ATTENDANCE

Local Access Forum	Name
Bracknell Forest LCAF	Peter Radband (Chair) <i>[PR]</i> Graham Pockett <i>[GP]</i>
Bucks LAF	Jon Clark (Secretary) <i>[JC]</i>
Mid & West Berks LCAF	Janice Bridger (Chair) <i>[JB]</i> Jan Heard (Vice-Chair) <i>[JH]</i>
RBWM LAF	Peter Thorn (Chair) <i>[PT]</i> Andrew Fletcher (Secretary) <i>[AF]</i>
Slough LAF	Jacqui Wheeler (Secretary) <i>[JW]</i>

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Item	Action / Issue	Action Owner	Outcome
1	Send updated contact details out to all	AF	Email distribution list shared with all
2	Share PDF version of LAF Training notes to each LAF secretary for dissemination	AF	PDF Training notes will be distributed to all for dissemination to each LAF
3	Provide details of DEFRA gaps gates and stiles publication to JH	AF	This publication, and an accompanying explanation document from the Pittcroft Trust, will be shared with all along with these notes
4	Question for each LAF whether more joint training would be useful/gauge demand	All LAF Secretaries	
5	Contact EA about proposed joint management meeting for Jubilee River	JW / JC	
6	Contact Josh Kerry (West Berks) for details of funding from Highways England to improve PROW damaged by Highways England projects	AF	

7	Send RPA report form to all	AF	The form used to report issues to the RPA will be included with these notes. Completed forms are sent to Cross.ComplianceReferrals@rpa.gsi.gov.uk
8	Meet with Richard Benyon MP to discuss issues with access and Brexit	JB / PT	
9	Question for RBWM LAF: Would it like to write to Theresa May MP regarding access and Brexit	AF	
10	Letter to be drafted to Natural England regarding concerns about lack of South-East co-ordination for LAFs.	JB / PT	

NOTES FROM ACCESS / BREXIT DISCUSSION

- Agreed that many stewardship schemes have not resulted in good projects for the public
- Issue with stewardship schemes has been that when the money has stopped path and access has sometimes been taken away
- Impression amongst the group that Natural England should be thinking about this
- Paths for communities may be the way forward; a fund can be managed through Natural England.
- Potential proposal made at the meeting that the balance of RPA payments should be biased towards farmers with public rights of way on their land, so farmers would get an increased payment when they have public rights of way compared to other farms. The RPA could potentially be changed in this way without additional funds.

HORIZON SCANNING

- Green Papers from DEFRA – Sharing the Post-brexite Landscape
- Housing Development Plans and asking for early notice from planning
- Slough Local Plan

KNOWN JOINT ISSUES / BOUNDARY ISSUES

1. Upgrade of footpath to bridleway across the boundary of Wokingham and Bracknell Forest – Bracknell Forest/Wokingham

2. Slough arm of Canal at Langley Park – Bucks/Slough
3. Ditton Park (in hand at present) – RBWM/Slough
4. Multi-user route extension at Bucks – Bucks/RBWM/Slough
5. M4 Smart Motorway.

JOINT SITE VISIT SUGGESTIONS

(Invitations to site meetings be extended to all neighbouring LAFs)

1. Proposed upgrade of cross boundary Footpath to Bridleway (*Bracknell Forest/Mid & West Berks*)
2. Black Park and Langley Park and crossing of A412 (*Bucks / Slough*)
3. Hawthorn Lane / Hogoak Lane Traffic Regulation Orders (*RBWM / Bracknell Forest*)
4. Bucklebury Common (*Mid & West Berks*)
5. Britwell to Burnham Beeches (*Bucks / Slough*)