



# Peak District Local Nature Partnership Board Meeting

Friday 25 July 2014 1.30 – 4.30pm

Garden room, Aldern House, Bakewell, DE45 1AE

## Minutes

### 1. Introductions and Apologies

Present: Geoff Nickolds (chair), Jane Chapman, Penny Anderson, Zahid Hamid, Anne Robinson, Alison Pritchard, Mike Burke, John Kilner (Defra LNP account manager), Karen Shelley-Jones (minutes).

Apologies were received from Neil Moulden, Paul Roden and Peter Dewhurst.

### 2. Minutes of last meeting and action points; matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting in February were accepted as an accurate record.

Unless otherwise noted below, all actions have been completed.

#### Revised actions:

- **Mike and Rhodri to pick up and progress completion of a Geodiversity Action Plan.**

Further thinking is needed on structure and role of NCA-area sub-groups.

### 3. Update on Defra Priorities for LNPs

John provided an overview of Defra's position with regard to LNP priorities. Defra are supportive but won't set agenda or prescribe what LNPs should do. Lord De Mauley, at the LNP annual conference, encouraged LNPs to focus on three areas:

- Helping to deliver Biodiversity 2020 outcomes;
- Innovation – valuing natural capital, Payment for Ecosystem Services;
- Cross-sector working, bringing people together.

- **John to find out if the two LNP evaluation reports are available.**
- **Karen to ask Kim if the notes from the second evaluation set of workshops are available.**

Anne suggested that Defra should play more of a role in promoting LNPs to other Government departments: BIS, DCLG etc.

#### 4. Dialogue with LEPs and other partnerships

##### *LNP evaluation workshop*

Anne had provided her notes from the LNP evaluation workshop on promoting natural capital in early July. The three key pieces of work we could do of benefit were perceived to be:

1. Be the custodian of data in order to influence strategy (however, it was recognised by the Board that we do not have a Peak District Local Records Centre and there are numerous issues around data sharing that have prevented this in the past);
2. Map our natural capital;
3. Remember that LEPs are not the only game in town.

##### *LEED Toolkit*

The LEED toolkit (Local Environment & Economic Development) developed by NE, EA, FC & some LEPs has been used by 13 out of 39 LEPs, it runs in three stages. No LEPs have yet progressed beyond stage 1. D2N2 has completed stage 1. A webinar on Local Nature for Local Growth was hosted by the Ecosystem Knowledge Network. Information can be found at this link: <http://ecosystemsknowledge.net/node/2128>

##### *Local Enterprise Partnerships*

Further discussion is needed on our engagement with the LEPs, but current activity is as follows:

An Enterprise Peak District prospectus was produced by a consortium including the LNP board; this was provided to D2N2 and the other 5 LEPs as a package of measures. The prospectus is now on our LNP webpage <http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/projects-and-partnerships/local-nature-partnership>. D2N2 met with Enterprise Peak District recently but most of their focus is on Derby and Nottingham, none of the rural projects put forward have been included in their investment strategy.

Jane and Geoff met with the LDNLNP chair and representatives, and have been invited to join quarterly meetings with D2N2 LEP. Closer working with the LDNLNP may bring about some investment in the Peak District.

##### *Lowland Derbys & Notts LNP*

EA are coordinating a joint LNP meeting with NE and FC in November.

##### *LEADER*

Local strategies are currently in development for the Peak District and for East Peak to prioritise measures available for funding support.

##### *Health & Wellbeing Boards*

Derbyshire Health & Wellbeing strategy is being refreshed, with four strategic themes: community resilience; integration (of services); Derbyshire as a healthy place; monitoring health in equity (collecting data and monitoring).

- **Alison to circulate details of the strategy refresh to the LNP board for comment.**

#### 5. LNP work planning

Karen tabled a short scoping paper for the production of a Natural Capital report for the Peak District. This could be used as a lobbying/influencing tool for LEPs, Health &

Wellbeing Boards, large businesses etc. The report would need to offer a solution to a problem or deliver a benefit.

- **Karen to look at LEP and HWB strategies and tailor a Natural Capital report to their priorities. To be completed by March 2015.**
- **Penny to produce (with Karen's help) a Peak District State of Nature report for the LNP highlighting changes in priority habitats and species over time. Draft to be completed by Christmas.**
- **Zahid to identify useful contacts on Sheffield Health & Wellbeing Board and seek to build relationships with appropriate representatives.**
- **Alison to identify useful contacts on Derbyshire Health & Wellbeing Board and seek to build relationships with appropriate representatives.**
- **Karen to circulate the draft work plan to the board.**

## **6. Communication plan**

It was agreed that the focus of the communication plan should come from the work plan.

- **Karen to streamline the communication plan according to the work plan.**

## **7. LNP partnership event**

It was agreed that this event should relate to the following: the outcome of the South West Peak Landscape Partnership bid; consultation on a draft Peak District State of Nature report; White Peak joint working group; look to the future.

The event should be timed late January/early February.

- **Karen to produce a LNP newsletter (early November) with outcome of the HLF bid and invitation to a partnership event.**

## **8. Project update**

Karen had circulated a project update note on: South West Peak Landscape Partnership, Cycling project, Ash dieback, White Peak Rivers and Dark Peak NIA.

- **Karen to add the National Trust High Peak Vision to the project updates for next meeting.**
- **Mike to provide Karen with an update on NE/MFF moorland conservation plans e.g. Moscar for the next LNP meeting.**

## **9. Dates of next meetings**

Next meeting will be in late October/early November.

- **Karen to set up a Doodle poll – all to complete a.s.a.p. in order for a mutually acceptable date to be agreed quickly and confirmed in calendars.**

## **10. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.