



Peak District Local Nature Partnership Workshop

27th August 2015 10am – 12:30pm
Boardroom, Aldern House, Bakewell DE45 1AE

Minutes

1. Introductions and Apologies

1.1. Present

Neil Moulden (Chair)
Jane Chapman (PDNPA)
Rhodri Thomas (PDNPA)
Sarah Bird (Co-ordinator)
Anne Robinson (FoPD)
Janet Belfield (NE)
Penny Anderson

1.2. Apologies

Peter Dewhurst (University of Derby)
Zahid Hamid (with comments from 26/08/2015)
Jon Stewart (NT)
Alison Pritchard (DCC)

2. David Renwick (North York Moors) LNP delivery representation

David is attending the Biodiversity Programme Board meeting in October, representing local LNP delivery. He has asked for some input on a few topics:

- a. Major challenges we face as an LNP
- b. What we can offer to deliver national priorities and strategy
- c. What the government/ national level could do/ do better to support local delivery

Action: JC to write up discussions as a response from Nature Peak District

3. Vote for LNP representative on ESI Funds Programme Monitoring Committee (formerly Growth Programme Board)

SB has received 7 out of 9 votes, with the majority (6 out of 7) in favour of Richard Powell.

Action: SB to co-ordinate and send response from Nature Peak District

4. Priorities

Priorities agreed to be assigned to expand ideas surrounding them at the last meeting were:

1. WP10 – RT, JS, PA
2. DP7 – JC
3. WP5 – JS
4. WP9 – RT
5. SWP1 – SB
6. DP8 – AR
7. Potential health and wellbeing priorities (vulnerable groups, outdoor play) - AP

To consider:

- What may be being done already by others
- Other partners objectives/ management plans
- How the LNP can contribute/ add value
- How it fits with the LNPs vision and the 3 E's
- How this will be achieved and by whom

4.1. DP6

PDNPA have been approached by Sheffield Wildlife Trust about a landscape project around the Bradfield area, which could link with aspiration DP6 – Restore the in-bye and moorland fringe. This could include grassland enhancement, native woodland expansion, reservoirs and should consider urban expansion. If this project is feasible, it could deliver for DP6 and will be added as a priority into the action plan.

Action: RT to explore taking this further with Sheffield Wildlife Trust

4.2. DP7

There are three current issues affecting the moorlands – inappropriate burning on deep peat, intensification of moorland infrastructure (including tracks, shooting butts), and persecution of birds of prey. The Birds of Prey Initiative is working on the latter, and discussions about infrastructure between PDNPA, RSPB, and Natural England are already taking place. To tackle issues on the moorlands collectively would help to achieve this aspiration, which would need local and national support from stakeholders. Therefore, a national workshop, championed by Nature Peak District and other key upland LNPs has been put forward as a way of bringing together key figures and achieve agreed outcomes.

Need to be clear about what the objectives and outcomes of the workshop would be, e.g. more birds of prey, consensus on burning and tracks, supporting a sustainable approach, and identifying motivation to change. Can we quantify the problem?

Action: JC to write up a proposal for the national workshop

4.3. WP10

Agreed that this will be the main priority of Nature Peak District. This aspiration has the potential to lead to increase understanding and appreciation of biodiversity in the Peak District. Could be a project similar to the previous Vision project, but must consider long-term sustainability and funding.

- There are many communities in the White Peak, so project could include gardens, local businesses, camping and caravan sites, parish councils and village greens, schools, and increase engagement with local people.
- Many trails and footpaths; opportunities to link with b-lines project and surrounding urban areas.
- Farming; economics of dairy farming, agri-environment options and targeting, water quality, engage with NFU
- Opportunity mapping; how grasslands link to trails/ footpaths and key landowners

Drive long-term changes in the way people think about biodiversity in the wider landscape.

Action: PA and SB to produce summary and action plan

4.4. WP9

Geodiversity is less threatened in the Peak District, but there is resource available through the production of a Geodiversity Action Plan by volunteer Albert Benghiat. The importance of geodiversity should be incorporated into other projects, e.g. WP10. Nature Peak District will be presented with the Geodiversity Action Plan and Geopark proposal later in the year, and will decide whether to support this.

4.5. DP8

There is more limited opportunity for Nature Peak District to add value, but the information will be passed to NPA Transport lead, to consider how it can incorporate into Peak District sustainable transport action plan.

Health and wellbeing, and engagement will be cross cutting themes included in other priorities.

Action: SB to receive summaries and produce a 3 year action plan for next meeting

5. Developing Nature Peak District influencing role

5.1. Community Infrastructure levy

Discussed how we could highlight the benefits of the Peak District and various projects within it provide to surrounding local authorities. Could the Community Infrastructure Levy be a route to work with neighbouring authorities.

Action: JC/ RT discuss with John Scott, NPA Director of Planning

Opportunity to work with Sheffield City Region, as Sheffield is 'The Outdoor City' and are developing an Outdoor Economy Strategy. The International Adventure Conference will be taking place in Sheffield 9th-11th September, with delegates visiting the Peak District National Park during two days of pre-conference activities.

5.2. Prospectus and LEPs

Enterprise Peak District comprising Visit Peak District, Business Peak District and Nature Peak District have already produced a package of interventions to offer to LEPs, but it has had limited success.

Produce a prospectus to highlight the economic benefits and value of Nature Peak District and nature in the Peak District for city regions/ combined authorities/ LEPs (based on powerpoint presentation previously from AR).

5.3. Visitor Giving

Provide recommendations to the NPA current development on Visitor Giving

5.4. Other LNPs

Organise a workshop style meeting with surrounding and key other LNPs to discuss what is happening, and where the synergies are to link up and achieve cross-working.

Action: JC/ RT/ SB to organise LNP joint workshop for October

6. Action Plan meeting

Action: SB to determine a date for the wider partnership action plan meeting, after the workshop with other LNPs. This will be Oct/ Nov

7. Representation

Interim measures agreed:

- JC to approach Business Peak District for a business representative on the LNP Board, possibly Hope Construction
- JC to approach Jo Smith (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust) for consideration as NGO representative now PA is representing NPA
- Continue discussions about representation at the next meeting
- NM kindly agreed to continue as interim Chair.