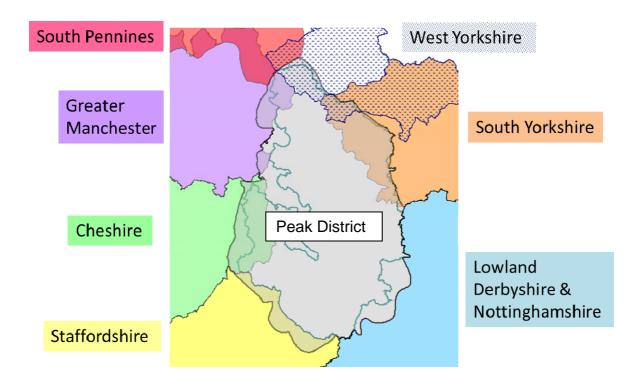
# A Peak District Local Nature Partnership – Bringing it all Together

A workshop for all sectors involved so far

Workshop Report



## 09:30 – 13:00 Thursday 3 May 2012 Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow

Facilitated by Pete Spriggs & Mandy Sims Clearer Thinking



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#### Workshop objectives

After discussions with Jane Chapman, Rhodri Thomas & Karen Shelley-Jones and the Clearer Thinking team, the following workshop objectives were agreed.

By the end of the workshop we will have:

- Been updated on the purpose of Local Nature Partnerships (LNPs);
- Commented on and inputted into a draft vision for a Peak District LNP;
- Further refined the ways a Peak District LNP would operate, what it will achieve in its first year, and how it will relate to other initiatives;
- Identified those who are willing to support a Peak District LNP application to Government.

Pete Spriggs and Mandy Sims then planned a series of sessions so the objectives could be met in the time available.

#### Agenda

The final workshop agenda was as follows:

Time	Session
9:30	Arrival - tea and coffee
9:45	Welcome and introductions
	Bringing it all together – Tony Favell, Chair, Peak District NPA
	A wider perspective – Cllr Andrew Lewer, Derbyshire County Council, Health and Wellbeing Board
	The local perspective - Peter Soden, Chapel Vision
	An update on the progress and purpose of LNPs
	A Vision for the Peak District
	A Peak District LNP – what, how and who
	What's next?
13:00	Buffet lunch and networking
13:30	Workshop closes
14:00 – 15:00	Option to continue with Defra application with interested partners

The workshop was attended by:

Name	Representing	Group
Andrew McCloy	Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport	A
Stephen Wright	BTCV	В
Peter Soden	Chapel Vision	С
Joan Prime	Chapel Vision Countryside Group	D
Mandy Sims	Clearer Thinking	D
Pete Spriggs	Clearer Thinking	D
Donna Tavernor	Country Land & Business Association	E
David Lowe	Derbyshire County Council	А
Tom French	Derbyshire County Council	С
Neil Moulden	Derbyshire Dales CVS	E
Karen Carpenter	Derbyshire Dales District Council	А
Cllr Andrew Lewer	Derbyshire Health & Wellbeing Board & DCC	В
Sarah Males	Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	С
Paul Walker	Dove Valley Centre	D
Rebecca Brunt	Environment Agency	E
Neil Riddle	Forestry Commission	А
Anne Robinson	Friends of the Peak District	В
Rachel Billings	Groundwork	D
Henry Folkard	Local Access Forum	D
Chris Dean	Moors for the Future	E
David Kingsley-Rowe	Natural England	В
James Creaghan	NHS Derbyshire County	С
Peter Abbott	Peak District National Park Authority	С
Jenny Waller	Peak District National Park Authority	А
Karen Shelley-Jones	Peak District National Park Authority	А
Sarah Whiteley	Peak District National Park Authority	В
Jane Chapman	Peak District National Park Authority	В
Tony Favell	Peak District National Park Authority	С
Richard Campen	Peak District National Park Authority	С
Andy Farmer	Peak District National Park Authority	D
Rhodri Thomas	Peak District National Park Authority	E
Richard Godley	Peak District National Park Authority	В
Penny Anderson	Penny Anderson Associates	E
Ken Dorning	Sheffield Area Geology Trust	А
Rita Whitcomb	Sheffield Moors Partnership	А
Annabelle Kennedy	Sheffield Wildlife Trust	С
Sue Lawley	Staffordshire Wildlife Trust	В
Andy McIntosh	Tarmac	D
Jane Marsden	Thorpe Farm Ice-cream	E
Charles Jolly	Transition Buxton	А
Rob Clarke	Transition Matlock	С
Ed Lawrance	United Utilities	D

Invitations to the event were sent to 140 individuals, many had been to previous workshops but were unable to make the date, including: Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, High Peak Borough Council/LSP, High Peak CVS, Moorland Association, National Trust, Peak Park Parishes Forum, RSPB, Sheffield City Council, Yorkshire Water etc.

#### Welcome & introductions

Pete Spriggs, Clearer Thinking, welcomed everyone to the workshop. He introduced the other facilitator, Mandy Sims, and the PDNPA team of Jane Chapman, Karen Shelley-Jones and Rhodri Thomas to the assembly. Pete then ran through the Housekeeping arrangements, the Objectives and the Agenda for the morning.

In turn, Pete introduced and warmly thanked the following 4 speakers: Tony Favell, Cllr Andrew Lewer, Peter Soden and Karen Shelley-Jones.

#### Bringing it all together

Tony Favell, Chair, Peak District National Park Authority

Tony Favell welcomed all attendees and thanked them for their time and interest in exploring a Peak District Local Nature Partnership. He highlighted the work of local groups and local people as being essential to the management of the natural environment of the Peak District, and encouraged all to think about the possibilities for a LNP in the Peak District, and how more and better benefits could be brought about through it.

#### A wider perspective

Cllr Andrew Lewer, Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Lewer, as Leader of Derbyshire County Council and Chair of the Derbyshire shadow Health and Well-being Board, made some valuable points about the links between health and the environment. He counselled caution in embarking on forming a Peak District LNP, advising that time spent being part of an LNP would mean time not spent elsewhere, and therefore the added benefits brought about by a Peak District LNP must be made very clear.



#### The local perspective

Peter Soden, Chapel Vision

Peter Soden, as a representative of Chapel Vision, painted a stirring picture of the valuable work taking place in the community of Chapel-en-le-Frith. He gave some detail about the group's structure and objectives, with a particular focus on the work of the Countryside Working Group and its sub-group of Wildlife and Biodiversity.



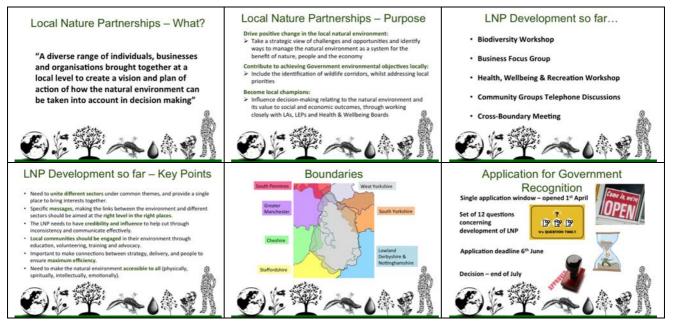
Chapel Vision www.chapelvision.org • Steering Committee (20 local Residents) • Working Groups • Housing • Transport • Local services and facilities • The Countryside	Chapel Vision Countryside Working Group Objectives •To prepare an action plan to protect and enhance the countryside of Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish for the benefit and enjoyment of all concerned. •To consult and involve as many local people as possible in preparation of the plan.	Chapel Vision Countryside Working Group • Twenty five local residents • Subgroups • Countryside Character • Footpaths, cycle ways and bridleways • Wildlife and biodiversity • Maps
Chapel Vision Countryside Group Wildlife and Biodiversity subgroup Overall Objective To produce a plan to support and encourage the local community in protecting, enhancing and enjoying local wildlife in the Parish	<ul> <li>Wildlife and Biodiversity subgroup Some detailed aims</li> <li>To identify areas of the Parish which should be protected and enhanced for wildlife.</li> <li>To work with others, including landowners and farmers to improve the habitat for wildlife and hence increase biodiversity throughout the Parish.</li> <li>To try and increase the number of registered wildlife sites in the Parish</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Wildlife and Biodiversity subgroup</li> <li>Progress to date with species surveys:</li> <li>Historical wildlife data is being collected</li> <li>The Peak District Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) has been consulted for guidance on important species</li> <li>Forms have been produced for recording and reporting species sightings</li> <li>Local residents are being approached to volunteer help with surveys</li> <li>A pilot study has been started to test the methods .</li> </ul>
Wildlife and Biodiversity subgroup The following species surveys are being piloted: • Home surveys based on The Peak District BAP species: • Garden birds in decline, • Rarer birds and birds of prey, • Amphibians, reptiles and mammals • Occasional Sightings surveys of the above species: at locations anywhere within the parish • Woodland Spring Flowers Other surveys planned: Meadow/wayside summer flowers and Butterflies	<ul> <li>Relevance to the Local Nature Partnership?</li> <li>Approach to Professor Sir John Lawton, leading author of "Making Space for Nature" received a personal and very encouraging response.</li> <li>We have good informal contact with The Peak Park Authority, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, National Trust, High Peak Borough Council and Natural England and would welcome cooperation with other groups.</li> <li>Possible limitations on our involvement are the finite life of Chapel Vision group and the limited time members can devote to the activity.</li> </ul>	

#### An update on the progress and purpose of Local Nature Partnerships

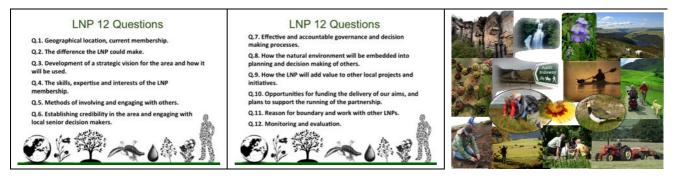
Karen Shelley-Jones, Peak District National Park Authority

Karen gave an update on the purpose of LNPs, the work done so far in exploring an LNP for the Peak District, and the requirements of an application to gain Government recognition as an LNP. She concluded with inspirational photos of the Peak District: its landscape, its wildlife, its communities, and people at work and play.





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#### A Vision for the Peak District

Mandy Sims introduced the session by acknowledging that a vision for a Peak District LNP was something that all the previous workshops had to some extent been grappling with. She stressed the importance of a new group having an agreed Vision to work towards, even if that Vision was a 'working' Vision, with the capacity to be altered as the group's identity develops.

Mandy clarified that this session was about attempting to agree a working Vision, and that a draft Vision had been drawn up as a focus for comment and discussion. The draft Vision incorporates suggestions and thoughts from previous workshops, Defra's requirements and a reference to the Vision Framework of the new PDNP Management Plan.

#### The draft Vision presented to the group:

Over the next 3 years, the Peak District Local Nature Partnership will be a self-sustaining, strategic partnership of local organisations, businesses and people/individuals, with the credibility to influence decisions and generate benefits for people, the economy and the natural environment in the Peak District.

It will do this whilst supporting the Vision Framework for the Peak District National Park.

(The following is an extract from the Vision Framework.)

A resilient Peak District where the unique beauty of its working landscapes, its wildlife and environment, its tranquility, cultural heritage and the communities within it, continue to be understood and valued nationally for their diversity and richness.

A lived in, sustainable, thriving and innovative Peak District that engages both local and neighbouring communities, and promotes a high quality of life by conserving and enhancing the special qualities of the national park.

An enterprising and sustainable Peak District economy which capitalises on and enhances its special qualities and promotes a strong sense of local identity, reflecting the aspirations of local business, organisations and communities.

An inspiring Peak District where all are welcome to discover, enjoy, understand and value the special qualities of the national park; a place where people can develop a sense of adventure and belonging, and play a part in its sustainable future. The whole group divided into smaller groups and went to different locations, each with its own facilitator. There, they firstly jotted down individual responses to the 2 questions:

- What do we like about the draft Vision?
- What is missing from the draft Vision?



#### Group A

What do we like about the draft Vision?	What is missing from the draft Vision?
It isn't too long and wordy.	Delete local add multiple benefits.
Self-sustaining.	Create evidence base (baseline) and
	monitoring to inform strategic decision making.
Strategic.	No explicit reference to (seeking) health
	(benefits).
Local element.	Reference to cultural heritage - no mention of
	natural heritage.
Business involvement.	Comment: need to have a glossary to clarify
	definition of terminology. (Does biodiversity
	include geodiversity?)
Influencing decisions (but how?).	Common goal not specifically written as all
	have individual goals.
Support for other vision locs <i>(sic)</i> .	Is the Buxton corridor part and how include the
	people there to feel ownership?
Links to national level.	'Credibility' implies agreement amongst
	partners. Rep people through organisations?
It recognises local and neighbouring	'Assembly' or 'Board'? If Board, how are all
communities (inclusive).	included? Communities?
Wide ranging and encompasses lots of aims /	Should be about local people and
objectives.	communities. Local information and monitoring
	needed to feed into decision-making and delivery – is it working? (MR)
	'People / individuals' – why not 'communities'?
	Too wordy, needs to be punchier, bullet
	pointed, less wordy, easier to read and with less
	jargon. Plain English the finished report.
	Self-sustaining is a great concept, but need a
	plan for how it will be so.
	What does 'self-sustaining' actually mean?
	Doesn't say how it will achieve vision.
	Wording – dislike 'capitalises'.
	Missing: where is 'ownership'?
	Lack of monitoring and evaluation.
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#### **Group A: Recommendations**

- Define local.
- Define jargon e.g. self-sustaining.
- More explicit reference to health could unlock funding.
- Building evidence base encouraging people to get out and record and share this (need for co-ordination).
- Engaging and supporting local people (need for co-ordination).

#### Group B

What do we like about the draft Vision?	What is missing from the draft Vision?
To influence decisions and generate benefits for people, the economy and the natural environment of the PD. Change the first paragraph into a mission statement.	General point – focus on what we do.
Words in italics are great, need to be distilled to one short statement.	Give it a name – Nature Peak District?
It does say what the partnership is and will be.	Its statement of purpose – not outcome bound. Far too long, unmemorable – won't be repeatable by anyone who's heard it. (Succinct).
First paragraph is about what it is to be.	Add value.
Needs to be short description of what it is followed by more detail.	Separate vision to influence different audiences – different straplines.
	Italicised paragraph too wordy and not outcome focused.

#### Group B: Recommendations

- The vision should be about the natural and cultural environment, not just about the body to deliver it.
- It needs to inspire, engage and be memorable!

#### Group C

What do we like about the draft Vision?	What is missing from the draft Vision?
Concise.	Is it strategic in the way government might
	expect?
Partnership.	Over 3 years – what does 'over' mean?
	Its <u>vision</u> is limited to 1. Existing 2. Influencing 3. Credibility.
	What will it focus on?
	What it will actually deliver i.e. how will things be different in future?
	What does self-sustaining actually mean? Financially? Self-driven?
	Too long. (1x agree)
	No specific mention of health and wellbeing. (1 x agree)
	Needs more specific recognition and mention of how it needs to accommodate change e.g. climate change, other government agendas, economic situation etc.
	How?
	Clarity of structure and function – breadth of organisations to be involved vs. 'strategic'
	purpose.
	How does the LNP vision differ from and add to the PDNP 'Vision Framework'? Isn't the 'Vision Framework' already the aspiration?
	How? Self-sustaining? Credibility?

#### Group C: Recommendations

• Clarity on what it will actually do i.e. the practical 'ends.'

- Needs to be more than a statement of intent i.e. how it will deliver via existing or new mechanisms for decision making.
- What makes it different to other partnerships (e.g. for sustainability) emphasis on the <u>nature</u> = core and key.
- Needs to accommodate / respond to change (e.g. climate change).

#### Questions

- How will extend delivery?
- What power will it have?

#### Group D

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#### Landowners!

#### Group D: Recommendations

• Take out direct reference to NPMP Vision Framework.

- Recognise small areas outside the park boundary (maybe not in vision).
- Doesn't say what LNP is going to do! Needs to be specific about the doing!
- Needs to be more distinctive and inspiring.

#### Group E

Could provide an excellent sounding board for those of us planning work.The need to help maintain a thriving business economy in these difficult economic times.Supporting existing work i.e. not re-inventing the wheel. It shows partners are already working together.Very difficult to comment on such broad statements. Who would want to disagree?1 like the vision even though it is not wide.You do need to get the land managers / farmers on board.That all aspects of sustainability are included, all be balanced.You do need to get the land managers / farmers on board.Questions - How will it be self-sustaining? Is 'collaborative' useful? Key to me is broad interest integrating health and wellbeing and natural environment and people and economy.None of this recognises the people who own and manage the land. None of these objectives can be achieved without them.It potentially could tie together and make more effective the existing work.Missing – many national organisations (NE, EA, and FC etc.) are represented locally, so not just local organisations.It potentially descriptive and fairly inclusive, includes different sectors and individuals.Missing – Something related to integration with others since the natural environment / economy /people are not restricted by boundaries.Highly descriptive and fairly inclusive, includes different sectors and individuals.Not really a vision statement - too long and complicated. Possibly trying to include to many elements. Includes elements that can be at loggerheads e.g. the economy and natural environment.Like - credibility, influence and generateChange – put natural environment first in list as is		
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#### Group E: Recommendations

- Needs to clarify what extra it will achieve.
- The integration is important, centred on environment.

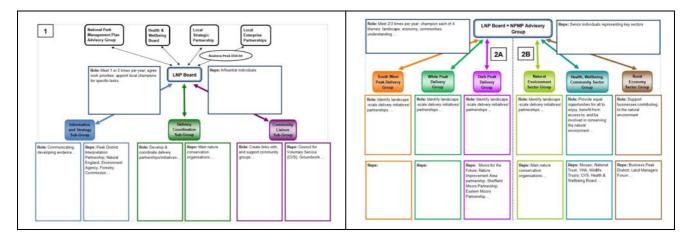
#### A Peak District LNP – what, how and who?

Pete introduced this session by confirming that for an LNP to be worthwhile, it has to do something more than is already happening, and it has to work well at a minimum of input from all concerned. This session will be examining how we best achieve this, by using 2-3 possible models as a stimulus for discussion and ideas.



Jane presented the 2 (plus 1) models and briefly described Page 11 of 17 the way that they would work.

#### **Draft Models**



Pete asked the attendees to form the same groups as in the previous exercise (though in different locations), and to

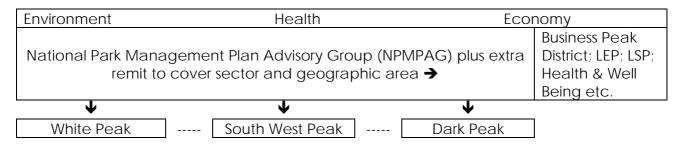
- Check understanding of the models
- State an initial preference by voting for a model
- Have a discussion about the reasons for and against the models, and suggest improvements
- Take another vote based on suggested changes

Each group was to display their responses in the large hall for other groups to view.

#### Group A

#### **Comments on Model 1**

Model 1 too complex. Suggest



--- = evidence base, knowledge. Key organisations, communities etc. Question: Where do strategic people work geographically? Resources: Funding usually through delivery projects, not including overheads

#### **Comments on Model 2**

- Needs to cross strategic / authority boundaries
- NPMPAG already has full agenda
- Geographic split lacks strategic overview and coordination
- 2B could sit above 2A structure
- Geographical area of NPMPAG

#### Group B

#### Comments on Model 1

- All we need is a champion for the natural environment
- LNP 'Board' should it be called something without legal implications?
- Consider Staffordshire model (and still contains Staffs LBAP)
- Majority vote for a streamlined Model 1
- LNP Board and wider partnership / network
- Report on activities and agree gaps and future priorities
- Sub groups or task groups as necessary e.g. Dark Peak
- One event for first year networking
- Board to include people of credibility
  - Members / Chief Execs.
  - Universities
  - Land owners / Managers
  - Business Peak District
  - Health sector

#### Comments on Model 2

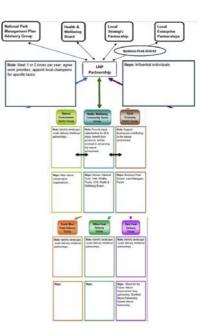
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#### Group C

#### Comments:

- What about links with other LNPs?
- Possible matrix structure?
- <u>If</u> tied to NPMP structure it <u>needs</u> to be the same body. If it isn't adding anything – why do it?





#### Group D

**Comments on Model 1** (Votes: Round 1 = 1; Round 2 = 0)

#### Positive

• LNP needs to be an influencing body - this model can influence outwards better

#### Negative

- Bureaucracy too much money required
- Could end up as a talking shop

• The 3 sub-groups could be good, but it is hard to comment on them as we don't know what we want to achieve yet.

**Comments on Model 2** (Votes for 2A: Round 1 = 5. Votes for 2B: Round 1 = 1. For Round 2, Group D came up with an altered 'hybrid' Model (see below), which gained maximum votes of 7)

#### Positive

- 2 Makes sense administratively
- 2 Has potential to be sustainable, unlike Model 1
- 2A Got a chance to deliver
- 2A A geographic split could be good at bringing in people at a local level
- 2A A geographic split can be easier for people to identify with
- 2A Like the word 'delivery' in 'Delivery Group'
- 2A Splitting by landscape is good people can see it.
- 2A Likely to cut down on travelling makes it more affordable
- 2 It's good that the Advisory Group already exists it's easier to tweak something than start anew.
- 2 Good for community involvement
- 2A It's about using a current mechanism and finding the added value.

#### Negative

- 2 Puts PDNPA in the driving seat do we want this?
- 2A Places like Chapel (and other communities) could suffer by 'falling off the edge' of the geographical splits
- 2A Might lose the health and economy side of things which are the focus of 2B
- 2A Could duplicate people across the delivery groups i.e. a health rep may have to be part of all geographical delivery groups
- 2B Might be difficult for different localities to incorporate the different facets e.g. health
- 2B Has the effect of putting the different aspects e.g. health into silos. Why is 'community' in just one of these groups?
- 2B Could duplicate people e.g. Groundwork across the sector groups
- 2 The Advisory Group only covers the NP what about other areas?

#### Suggestions / Comments

- Would like to have seen LNP's Terms of reference before commenting on these models
- Can the Advisory Group legally take on governance for areas outside the NP?
- Enhance the Advisory Group so that it represents the whole area, not just the NP
- What does the Advisory Group think about the prospect of being tweaked?!
- Model 2B looks more like the NPMP a good thing?
- It is difficult to suggest changes until we know more about what is to be delivered.
- Include another group, one representing the community, in the set of groups to influence outwards to i.e. Local Strategic partnership, Health and Wellbeing Board etc

Group D suggested a slightly hybridised model of Model 2A, which looks exactly the same except for the addition of the 'top' level of Model 1 – not as a top level, but as bodies that the Advisory Group would influence outwards (not upwards) to. Round 2 vote showed all in favour of this hybrid model.

#### Group E

#### **Comments on Model 1** (Votes: Round 1 = 4; Round 2 = 0)

#### Positive

- Clear how it links to existing partnership (but <u>detail</u> of links / representation need to be clarified)
- Easier for Peak-wide groups to engage

#### Negative

- Capacity for organisations / individuals to service a new structure?
- More strategy-based, less focus on delivery?
- Risk that some geographic areas may get neglected (e.g. if Dark Peak interests strongly represented)

**Comments on Model 2** (Votes for 2A: Round 1 = 1; Round 2 = 0, Votes 2B: Round 1 = 2; Round 2 = 0)

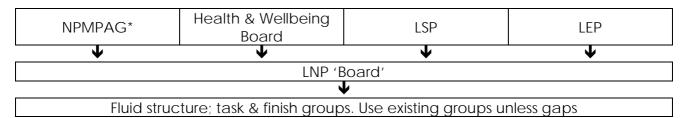
#### Positive

- 2A already happening to some extent
- 2A more based on delivery (& 2B?)
- 2A promotes cross-sector integration

#### Negative

- Difficulty in organisations servicing sub-groups (some organisations / individuals on each)
- Perpetuates sectoral approach (2B)

#### Model 3 (Votes: Round 2 = 7)



\* There needs to be better representation of the natural environment at this level. Should this be the LNP itself, sitting at same level as NPMPAG / LSP etc.?

#### Role of 'Board'

- Put 'Ecosystem services' in
- Establish priorities
- Identify delivery mechanisms to deliver priorities
- Group of 'champions'
- Direct work of sub-groups to priorities
- Identifying areas where delivery can be more effective / efficient
- Need clarity about 'strategy vs. delivery'

#### <u>Membership</u>

• Needs to be representative of area of interest

- Secretariat and driver?
- Just start with 'Board' and rest of structure to evolve from that flexibility of structure

Pete explained the next stage of this session, which was about attendees:

- making suggestions about possible actions that a Peak District LNP might carry out in its first year;
- advising about **important initiatives or organisations** for a Peak District LNP to connect with.

Input into these two topics was invited by way of large posters for adding to in the main Hall. It also served as a good opportunity for networking and further discussions.

#### Possible actions in Year 1

- Establish LNP board and hold initial meeting.
- Agree governance and terms of reference.
- Agree working relationships and 'memorandum of Agreement' with neighbouring LNPs.
- Agree and establish ways of meeting resourcing needs. Be clear what 'resources' already exist to build on (or else it won't be sustainable).
- Complete an audit of delivery / initiatives relevant to the LNP purpose.
- Produce a communications plan.
- Don't duplicate what the LBAP (etc.) has already done / gathered.
- Draw on existing work / initiatives don't reinvent the wheel.

#### Publicity and launch suggestions

- Consider local 'clinics' as a means of explanation of the LNP for communities around the NP.
- Support the development of a PD Geodiversity Action Plan one of the gaps in current strategy documents.
- Key messages (distilled by LNP = local communications) to inform business community about what they need to consider!

#### Important initiatives / organisations for a Peak District LNP to connect with

Initiative / organisation	Best way of connecting with them	Essential or desirable?
PDNP Interpretation Partnership	Via officers	Desirable
Health and Wellbeing Partnership	Natural environment and activities in it are critical to physical and mental health – 'close co-operation and communication.'	Have strong links – each to know how to complement the other and do so actively not just in strategies but in actions too.
Recreation User Groups	Local Access Forums	Essential
East Peak Leader – Heritage Initiative and Tourism Partnership	Via EPIP officers	Desirable
Peak partners	-	Desirable



Initiative / organisation	Best way of connecting with them	Essential or desirable?
Local Access Forums and the NP	-	Desirable
Tourism bodies (Welcome to Yorkshire and equivalents)	-	Essential

#### What's next?

After taking any further questions, both Pete and Jane thanked everyone for their contributions to the morning.

Jane confirmed that all the written comments would be examined and considered, and would be incorporated into a written report following the workshop. She clarified the deadline for the application to Defra (6<sup>th</sup> June) and welcomed any contributions to completion of the application in an informal session immediately after lunch. The draft application will be sent by email to workshop attendees.

Pete requested that all attendees would complete a short A5 form asking how they would wish to be involved in a Peak District LNP, who else should be involved, suggestions for financially sustaining an LNP, and any further comments.

The workshop concluded for lunch at 13:00.

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