



Peak District Local Nature Partnership Workshop

7th December 2015 2pm – 4:30pm

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)
Penny Anderson
Peter Dewhurst (University of Derby)
Alison Pritchard (DCC)
Jo Smith (DWT)

1.2. Apologies

Zahid Hamid (with comments from 26/08/2015)
Jon Stewart (NT)
James Marshall (NE)

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were approved; all actions have been completed or are being raised at this meeting.

3. Albert Benghiat presenting GeoPark prospectus

SB to forward the presentation

Points raised following the presentation:

- Who will be the accountable body when applying for funding (the LNP has already championed a landscape scale HLF bid)
- If applying to HLF, where will the match funding come from. Suggested quarries, Business Peak District, Nestle. The Geological Association give grants for geological conservation.
- A landscape scale HLF bid would not be feasible at this time due to the existing funding for the South West Peak and overlap of areas.
- Proposed HLF bid would be relatively small (based on costs outlined in the presentation), which would be in preparation for a larger landscape scale bid in the future.
- The National Stone Centre is considering recruiting a manager, who could also be the project manager (see requirements in presentation).
- Concern over labelling/ branding and public confusion.
- National Trust are reviewing their policy on fossil etc collecting. Collecting and selling has been raised as a possible issue.

- In principle support for the status by the LNP Board, although concerns over relevant expertise and the input of the LNP.
- There may be a possibility of hosting this within the geodiversity team of the University of Derby, especially if research is required.

SB to arrange meeting with Albert, RWT, PA & NM to discuss next steps

SB to circulate links from Albert about other GeoPark examples from the UK and abroad

4. Health and wellbeing update

- Alison showed paper copies of the '5 ways to wellbeing' that has been circulated previously. Teachers are now using this as a teaching tool. They promote links with nature and greenspace, and access to nature.
- There has not been much progress with integrating the nature into the Health & Wellbeing Board.
- Alison and a colleague visited the Local Access Forum and Derby LAF to give a talk, LAF now writing to the Health & Wellbeing Board to encourage integration with nature. There are many links with the work of the LAF and the LNP which are worth exploring further.
- The Director of Public Health is leaving at the end of the year, and the Strategic Director is also changing. The health budget for local authorities is ring-fenced for two years, after this period it is likely this will no longer be protected.
- The most recent Monitoring of Engagement with the Natural Environment (MENE) data shows Derbyshire has fallen compared with the trends for England on its positive attitude to nature and access. According to Mosaic, visitor numbers have gone down. There is a pilot for collecting the MENE data about children, which should be published next year.
- Alison is collecting an evidence base for the effect of access to the outdoors on educational attainment, and also the quality of green space/ biodiversity on health.
- The next Nature Connections event will be held possibly June 2016.
- An outcome of the CIEEM conference in November was to try and pull together papers on health and wellbeing and the environment to produce a long list.
- Mental health has been incorporated into the PDNPA Corporate Strategy.
- There is a teleconference with Pam Warhurst with LNPs to discuss work LNPs are doing regarding health, and what more the LNP can do. SB has sent a response of interest on behalf of Nature Peak District, we are awaiting a date.

SB to send out date when known, with a view to a member of the Board participating in the teleconference

5. Strategic direction and draft Action Plan

5.1. White Peak

- Considerations are Agri-environment schemes, rivers, ash dieback, and largest number of communities, least area of BAP habitats, many trails
- JC and SB had a meeting with Trent Rivers Trust on a possible HLF bid to initiate the River Dove Restoration Plan
- Possible area to demonstrate adaptation to climate change
- Penny outlined her project proposal for the white peak vision (see attached)
- The White Peak is a priority for PDNPA, Sarah Fowler is meeting with Environment Agency and others to discuss this as a possible project area
- White Peak is also a priority for Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, DWT are meeting with buglife to discuss mapping b-lines in Derbyshire, and Lowland Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire LNP are planning a bee conference.

5.2 Dark Peak moorland issues

- These issues have been moving up the public agenda, in particular relating to grouse moor management
- 2015 Bird of Prey Initiative targets have not been met
- RWT presented to the strategic advisory group on moorland issues
- Three main issues are burning on deep peat, moorland infrastructure and birds of prey (plus others for example persecution of mountain hare and lead shot).
- Sarah Fowler is arranging a meeting to discuss these issues in the new year, working towards a robust approach whilst leading to a long term solution.
- Bird of Prey Initiative is developing an action plan.

- PDNPA is drafting guidance on tracks, and taking enforcement where necessary.
- LNP can lead on the condemning of illegal activities, and promote good stories of moorland owners that are exemplars of 'good' moorland practice.

5.3 Moorland fringe

Sheffield Wildlife Trust have proposed a HLF landscape bid for work on the moorland fringe (fringe, woodland, wet grassland, isolated moorland). This is likely to happen in 2017.

5.4 South West Peak update

Just attended the mid-term HLF review. Karen is pulling together the projects; there are currently 17. Stage 2 round bid will be submitted in July.

5.5 Action Plan

The Action Plan should be a public document.

SB to receive comments by the end of December

State of Nature report will be circulated to nature conservation bodies for comment, then the LNP Board.

6. Communications

6.1. Wider partnership meeting/ State of Nature launch

This will be in mid-April, and will include updates and incorporate the wider partnership meeting. Attendance will be by invitation. Possibility of using the University of Derby Buxton campus.

6.2. Joint working

The health agenda and other themes can be collectively strategic. The action plan should be strategic.

SB to arrange meeting in February

Rory Stewart is launching MoorLIFE2020, need to make sure LNP issues are raised if possible.

6.3. Website

Happy with it being hosted by PDNPA, as there are no resources for hosting an independent website. The website needs updating, it should include projects and profiles of Board members.

6.4. Newsletter

Example newsletter circulated, and agreed. Suggested content includes showcasing champions for wildlife, link to the website (possibly Business Peak District and others as appropriate), event links.

SB to write newsletter for Christmas edition

7. Board representation

JC has contacted Hope Construction, may be able to send representation to sit on the Board.

JC to chase up Hope Construction

NM will carry on as Chair until a more appropriate candidate comes forward.

PD suggests representation from the Natural Sciences department of University of Derby.

There is also representation from land managers position to fill.

JC or RWT to enquire with C&E team on finding suitable representation

SB to circulate the LNP constitution

SB to check the wider partnership/ mailing list

The wider partnership meeting (see item 6.1) should include a short AGM.

8. Any other business

All other business has been raised during the previous items.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be in late February/early March

SB to send round doodle poll for next meeting