

**Recreation Management Strategy Advisory Group  
Brockenhurst Village Hall, 18 July 2013**

**Attendance:**

Graham Baker, New Forest Association  
Rachael Bowen (notes), New Forest National Park Authority  
Ruth Croker, Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society  
Oliver Crosthwaite-Eyre (Chairman), New Forest National Park Authority  
Martin Devine, New Forest District Council  
Alastair Duncan, New Forest Access Forum  
John Durnell, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust  
Mark Holroyd, New Forest National Park Authority  
Sam Jones, Hampshire County Council  
Nigel Matthews, New Forest National Park Authority  
Stephen Munn, New Forest Tourism Association  
Oliver Reichardt, New Forest National Park Authority  
Ann Sevier, Commons Defence Association  
Nick Tucker, Forestry Commission

**Apologies:**

Heather Gould New Forest Dogs Forum

Oliver welcomed all members and subsequently was unanimously supported as Chair of the meeting.

**1. Outline of the changes to the RMSWG**

- 1.1 Oliver reported that feedback on the operation and Terms of Reference for both the proposed Advisory Group and Steering Group had mainly been positive. AD requested that item 4 on the TOR for the Steering Group be changed to read ‘...with collective responsibility for recreation management in the *National Park*’, which was agreed by all members. The Group further concurred with the suggestion that the Chair of the Steering Group should remain independent. It was agreed the TOR was to be reviewed after one year. The group also preferred the wording of ‘collective responsibility’ rather than ‘joint responsibility’.
- 1.2 Members discussed a number of other items including:
- The importance of communication between the Advisory and the Steering Group
  - The Four key members of the Steering Group have collective responsibility for decisions
  - If necessary, research or task and finish groups can be set up by either the steering group or advisory group as needed.

**2. Composition of the Steering Group and the Advisory Group**

- 2.1 There were a number of suggestions for membership of the Steering Group. These included HCC, NFDC, the Access Forum and the NFTA. Some members felt it was

important for more than one organisation be represented that had an interest in areas outside of the Crown Lands. Some members felt non-statutory bodies could be represented on the steering group while others felt that it should consist of statutory bodies only as the advisory group was the place for non-statutory representation. It was pointed out that membership should depend on what the priorities for the steering group were and therefore decisions on membership delayed until clarity on this was achieved. All agreed the steering group should not become too large. Oliver suggested starting small and expanding as needed.

### **3. Prioritisation (outline of process)**

- 3.1 Oliver asked for members to consider what actions they would like to see prioritised, adding a rationale for the choice, and include any suggestions that are *not* listed in the RMS and email them to Oliver (Reichardt). Oliver will in turn circulate these for discussion at the next meeting on 19 September 2013.
- 3.2 NM asked members to note the work of the other groups such as the Dog Forum, Access Forum etc when listing priority actions.

### **4. Community Routes Update**

- 4.1 MH referred to the community routes, previously core routes, which are designed to enable people to travel between settlements without a car using existing routes e.g. paths, tracks etc. Over 20 parishes were engaged with the process and included suggestions for new routes. The project will be funded by the LSTF and will allow for a small number of improvements. A drop in session will take place later in the year.

Action: MH to circulate map and definition of core routes to Group

### **5. Research sub-group progress report**

- 5.1 JD reported there had been little progress with the sub-group as they were awaiting the priority action list from the Advisory Group.

### **6. DONM**

- 6.1 Thursday 19 September 2013, 6pm, Brockenhurst Village Hall.

### **7. AOB**

- 7.1 Members asked if the Tranquillity Mapping Project would be endorsed by the main statutory bodies and how it would be used in the future.

Action: OCE to ask Sarah Kelly, Landscape Officer, NFNPA, the purpose and validity of the Tranquillity Map

7.2 NM was able to report on a successful first Cycle Liaison Group meeting. Twenty different organisations were represented to discuss the cyclists Code of Conduct.

Meeting closed 7.05pm.