

# Sheffield Moors Partnership Minutes

MDC, Longshaw Estate – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 (2:00pm to 4:00pm)

## **Present:**

Ted Talbot (NT Longshaw)  
Nabil Abbas (SWT)  
Sally (Bumblebee Conservation Trust)  
Katherine Clarke (EAM)  
Rachel Lyon (NT Longshaw)  
John Gilpin (SCC)  
Henry Folkard (BMC & PLAF)  
Matt Buckler (PDNPA & MFTF)  
John Horscroft (Ride Sheffield)  
Bryony Thomson (EAM)  
Danny Udall (EAM)  
Terry Howard (Sheffield Ramblers & PLAF)

## **Apologies:**

Dave Aspinall (SCC)  
Sam Beaton (SCC)  
Suzanne Fletcher (PDNPA)  
Jenny Parker (Natural England)  
Chris Bray (PDNPA) – did arrive but had an emergency to attend

## ***Rachel Lyons and Kathy presented their Play Wild project; brand, project outcomes, traffic light system, and Derby University evaluation.***

- Rachel to forward minutes of the Derby University evaluation report for further information.
- Play Wild is now to enter its next phase. The branding is there for use across a wider landscape, in any way seen appropriate (events, etc.) Contact Rachel or Kathy to submit any feedback or ways for Play Wild to continue.
- Terry suggested contacting established groups i.e. Scouts, grasp the nettle for who might benefit from the project.

## ***Bryony presented the 'Code of Conduct' draft.***

- MFTF would like to use the Code of Conduct with the wider areas they cover.
- Each representative body (ramblers, wildlife & photography, climbing, etc.) could put a quote or logo in their relevant 'top tip' section to demonstrate their support of the guide.
- Code of Conduct to be linked to the Sheffield Moors website for further information not covered in the pamphlet.
- Would be useful for distribution amongst urban fringe areas (Whirlow, Ecclesall Woods and Dore), supermarkets, educational institutions and leisure areas.
- "Help us help you."
- Unanimous decision that the Code of Conduct is fit to print and ready for its trial run.

## **Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting**

- Henry Folkard - won the outcome of 'Mend the Mountains' campaign at the House of Commons.
- Ward's Peace track link to Edale?

## **Partner Updates**

- Reg Leash Fen access point closure. Found gate being used by photographers and dog walkers as a quick 'in and out'. PROW access can be made further up the road.
- Terry Howard: display of research not going ahead at Longshaw as planned. However project is not lost. Most of the material collected is now in Weston Park, with room for Longshaw to loan the material in the future should they wish.
- Ramblers Association have been looking at appropriate footpaths which could be made passable for shared routes. Cairn path over Burbage Moor needs a full discussion.
- Sheffield Moors Partnership could have input in the Sheffield Lakeland partnership. There's an overlap with revised boundaries.
- 2019 is the anniversary of the National Park Act and should consider how this could be celebrated (i.e. gathering event in Winnatts Pass.)
- Peak Local Access Forum have written about the transport design guide.
- National Park management plan currently in consultation. Matt Buckler to update on its status.
- Lack of regular public transport links coupled with car park issues across the Park affects our ability to encourage 'harder to reach' communities to visit the landscape. Authoritative management of car parks i.e. clamping, may further deter visitors.
- Danny explained that the Eastern Moors has chosen not to increase amount of signs in Curbar Gap car park.
- Matt Buckler presented the Blanket Bog land management guide. Bogtastic van to be launched on Friday 16 February 2018 at Edale.
  
- Suzanne Fletcher (PDNPA) - With regard to the events management – I know that this is a priority for when Sarah Wilks gets back from leave.
- It would be useful to pick up where we might be heading with this landscape partnership.
- Thought it would be useful to share the HLF consultation on their future strategy – perhaps a response from the SMP?
- There seems to be a moratorium on new HLF Landscape Partnership bids – less money available since lottery ticket costs have gone up from £1 to £2.

## ***Sally introduced the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, their ethos and Bilberry Bee project.***

- HLF bid has been passed, now have funding for the next three years for their project. Project will conclude with the Bee Festival.
- Introduced their 'one plant each' message, encouraging people to care for their gardens to nurture bee activity.
- Keen to give public talks and train groups/partners in bee identification to assist with monitoring.
- Keen to share knowledge on seed propagation.

## **Discussion on meetings, themes and work streams for this year**

- Proposed 5 to 6 meetings per year.
- Next meeting: June 13<sup>th</sup> – Sheffield Lakeland presentation and Eastern Moors management plan recap. Keith Tomkins to talk.
- September 5<sup>th</sup> - Future funding bids with Nick Selwood.
- November 14<sup>th</sup> – access/transport and highways. Request a 'guest' for this particular topic.
  
- Have 'access in the landscape' item in meeting agenda. HF would like group to be more proactive with solutions to common problems across the area. To address common views with land managers, etc.
  
- Nick to work with us for 3 days this following year for our management plan. Nick to come to June meeting to engage with us, with the plan to have a workshop around potential funding at the September meeting.

## **AOB**

- Website – new volunteer looking to do some development work on the EAM website, and is willing to do work on the SMP website too.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 2pm to 4pm, at Flat 7, Longshaw Estate.**

***Meeting ends***