

SHEFFIELD MOORS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting 23/11/16: Moorland Discovery Centre

1. Welcome & Apologies

Ted Talbot (NT) Chair
Nabil Abbas (S&RWT)
Rebekah Newman (PDNPA) Minutes
Louise Hawson (Local Community)
Danny Udall (EMP)
Terry Howard (Local Community)
Henry Folkard (Local Community)
John Gilpin (SCC)
John Horscroft (Local Community)
Stella McGuire (Local Community)

Apologies:

John Dallow (SCC)
Mike Rhodes (PDNPA)
Roy Mosley (SWT)
Richard Harris (SCC)

The chair and minute taker were agreed by common consent.

2. Representation

Agreed that there should be representation from all forums/stakeholder groups at SMP meetings and that SMP should only discuss/debate issues that were landscape-wide leaving details at a land-holding scale to the individual landowner and the relevant stakeholder group. Representatives at SMP from individual groups need to be prepared to only discuss landscape scale issues.

Following on from previous meeting agreed there needed to be representation from LAFs. To date representation at SMP has been by invitation. Agreed that individual forums/stakeholder groups and LAFs need to agree representatives. (Action for all to take back to Groups)

3. Legacy of NIA

1. Financial implications eg heathland restoration at Stanage where follow up work is necessitating use of financial reserves, and at Burbage plantation
2. Access implications. Raised by HF concerned about the implications of new woodland if and when CROW Access land is re-mapped. Action – RN to get advice from MR: Advice from MR is that the guidance for, and results of, remapping if and when it happens cant be predicted.
3. SMP no longer has a dedicated officer with implications for proactive work. (NIA officer acted as a SMP co-ordinator)

4. Assessment of progress against Action Plans/Review of Action Plans

See attached SMP Masterplan Review Document

The notes below need to be read in conjunction with this. They provide some context and also a list of actions – in red.

4.1. Theme 1 Being Involved

SMOG – Sheffield Moors Operations Group

Action – Rachel (NT) to pull together. To include Kim (EMP), Hannah (SWT), Tom (PDNPA) and Bills job-share (PDNPA)

Volunteers

Agreed these need to be theme rather than organisationally organised. We need to expand horizons with respect to volunteering and what it can deliver for individuals, our organisations and the landscape.

Action – All to look at how this impacts on risk assessments and insurance and what type of volunteering needs insurance.

Peak Bike Code

This is being reprinted (EMP funding £100)

Be nice, say Hi! Signs under development

Action – JH to share code and draft signage

Stakeholder Groups

Stange forum (more than just a stakeholder forum) – morale is currently low with the NPA re-examining the Authority-Forum relationship.

SMP view is that forums are valuable & useful part of landscape scale delivery and that partner organizations should support them & their continued contribution, alongside their staff.

Other SMP partners happy to offer support & encourage continued participation/commitment to deliver SMP vision as part of NP plan for Stange.

HF questioned whether PDNPA re-structure will compromise relationship with Stange Forum and with SMP.

RN raised potential for enhanced leadership at PDNPA and enhanced relationship with SMP

Events

Where possible these should be showcased/promoted as SMP

Interpretation

TH - We need an assessment of what we've got to inform what we need.

Action – set up a working group to look at this. Effectively a mapping exercise:

- On the ground interpretation
- SMP/Individual landowner leaflets etc
- Other publications

Education

Recognised value of MDC for delivery of key messages/education for the SM

BMC is continuing to support Walking Leader training

Access & Conservation Fund available to schools

PDNPA and Thornbridge/Sheffield LEA developing principle of ESCAPE – Every Sheffield Child a Peak Experience. Has potential to involve all organisations. Based on a three part programme:

1. Half day activity in a green space in Sheffield
2. Day activity in Peak District – many likely to be based at Longshaw because of access to public transport
3. Staying overnight in the PD – North Lees campsite or Thornbridge

Activities to include environmental education and outdoor activity eg climbing, orienteering etc.

Programme to be targeted at disadvantaged schools but potentially sold to more advantaged.

4.2. Theme 2 Access & Recreation

TH raised concerns about:

- compatibility and consistency across the footpath network and in dealing with ROW issues
- ROW not mapped correctly
- some routes requiring diversions
- well-used routes that are not mapped as definitive routes
- the need for dedication of permissive routes
- the possible need for resurrecting lost routes

All agreed that:

There is an underpinning principle that the Sheffield Moors is an accessible landscape subject to application of the Sandford principle

Any new routes should only be considered following a sustainability appraisal

The priority for dedication was prior to disposal.

Action to set up a working group to look at access issues on a case by case basis.

4.3. Theme 3 Sustainable Land Management

TH and SM raised the issue of White Path Moss in relation to both archaeological survey and the ROW network. No easy solution to this. SCC included this area in the SMP area with the aspiration for the principles of the SMP to extend to this area despite it being in a full agricultural tenancy. The time for change will be when the tenancy becomes vacant.

4.4. Themes 4 & 5

Agreed to look at these at a future meeting

5. Visitor Management/Planning Issues

Action – Set up a working group to look at parking and associated transport issues across the Sheffield Moors

6. Partner Updates

SRWT

See attached information on a successful bid to HLF for a Landscape partnership programme concentrating on the Sheffield/Peak moorland fringe and reservoirs.

- Some overlap with SM area.
- Lots of potential benefits and opportunities should arise from this project .
- The two partnerships have the opportunity to be symbiotic.

SCC

Forestry operations ongoing in Lady Cannings and at redmires

Plans for Burbage involving volunteers

EMP

Farming tendering process underway

Deer survey (counts of 146 and 149) means that there will be no culling this winter.

NT

Ongoing woodland work and extension to footpath network for families
Longshaw managemnet plan under review

PDNPA

Structural Review means there will be new person/people representing the Authority at SMP and new people involved in the management of Stanage. Exactly who has yet to be finalised.

7. Partner Forum

Partner Forum Open Event to be planned for June 2017

8. Celebration Event in 2017

Tree planting at packhorse bridge on Burbage
March 22nd late morning
SCC to provide a Rowan Tree
Tree guard will have to be as for a Parkland tree – NT to advise
List of dignatories to be decided at later meeting
Will require press invites/press release

9. AOB

- 9.1. Minutes of SMP meetings to be put on the website – DU to facilitate – and to be made available to all forums/stakeholder groups.
- 9.2. Future meetings to include a standing agenda item to allow for individual forums/stake holder groups to raise items originating on individual landholdings but of relevance to SMP.
- 9.3. Representation from Blackamoor and Fox Hagg/Wyoming Brook RAGs to be invited to SMP meetings – **Action for Ted to raise with Nabil.**
- 9.4. NT to consider how Longshaws 'voice' is heard. **Action for Ted**
- 9.5. **Proposed Working Groups**
 - to be operational by the spring
 - **With the exception of SMOG, the lead and members to be agreed at the next meeting**
 1. **SMOG – Rachel to lead**
 2. **Interpretation**
 3. **Access**
 4. **Parking & Transport Issues**

10. DONM

25th January MDC