

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Minutes of Meeting of Access For All Task Group – 6 September 2007

Present: Diane Baines, Eric Broadbent, John Goss, Paul Tibbatts, Tony Turner

Apologies:

1. Agreed appointment of John Goss as Chairperson and Eric Broadbent as Vice Chairperson. Diane Baines agreed to record notes of meeting.
2. It was noted that some people may want to change task groups. Agreed that this was not an issue. Agreed that the Task Groups would meet between the main LAF meetings.
3. It was agreed to work within the terms of reference of the NY LAF
4. The areas of interest to be covered by the task group were agreed as:
 - Access for those with limited mobility, challenges or difficulties;
 - Enhancing visitor experience;
 - Safety;
 - Health and Sport;
 - Young people;
 - Signage gates and stiles;
 - Publicity and promotion of the network;
 - Travel links;
 - Volunteers;
 - Recreation use;
 - Access to water;
 - Any other lawful purpose;

There was discussion as to whether green lanes should be specifically included, agreed to refer it to Improving rights of way task group. The issue of Open Access to be referred to the Definitive Map Task Group. It was queried whether ethnic minorities should be included as a specific issue. Tony Turner to discuss with other groups.

5. Agreed to discuss at the next meeting:
 - Enhancing visitor experience;
 - Signage gates and stiles;
 - Publicity and Promotion of the network.Tony Turner to invite someone from Countryside Services to explain the variety of gates, stiles, etc, used.
6. A set of principles were agreed. These were based on the circulated draft but with a number of significant changes. Tony Turner recorded these and will circulate.
7. Feedback to the full LAF meeting was agreed to be via minutes with a task group representative speaking to the LAF meeting on the main points that arise.
8. Next Meeting : 2pm - December 2007 - County Hall. **(To be confirmed.)**