

South Yorkshire and North East Derbyshire Area

Access, Countryside and Rights of Way

21st November, 2016

Quaker Meeting House, St James Street, Sheffield, S1 2EW

Present

Terry Howard (Acting Chair), David Gadd (Secretary), Cath MacKay, Jez Kenyon, Wayne Groudsel, Lizzie Joyce, Philip Ryder, Christine Whittaker, Philip Lee.

Apologies

Basil Merry, Les Seaman, Allen Pestell.

Minutes of the meeting of 5th September, 2016

Matters arising. Section 1 Health, not heart in line 4.

Section 2 Strava, not Straba in line 2.

Section 3 Cutthroat, not Cuttthroat, in line 4/5.

Section 2 Rights of Way matters. 'BM reported: Please advise *the committee* that Derbyshire....'

With these corrections the minutes were approved.

Matters arising

Arising from the penultimate paragraph of the September minutes BM responded that 'Whilst SYNED are aware of the CROW Act deadline, and the Deregulation **Act 2015**, they seem unaware of the Infrastructure Act 2015. This was sponsored by the Department for Transport. A requirements is for Highway Authorities to produce **Cycling and Walking** Strategies. DCC has an adopted cycling strategy (which got £1m+ for 4 bridges from B&Q in Derby Rd to Chesterfield Railway Station). On 3 traverses of this I saw nobody else, 2 walkers, and 3 walkers + 2 cyclists respectively. It was officially launched recently (see the Sustrans site news).

Through the Sheffield LAF, a letter has been sent to Network Rail and to the Forestry Commission re the closure of the railway crossing at Wharnciffe to the effect that there is an alternative solution to the problem.

Re Foulstone Edge, the regeneration work being carried out needs wide access for machinery. The situation is being kept under review re the re-instatement of the bridleway when the work is completed.

Access matters

None

Countryside matters

The latest HS2 news was noted.

Rights of Way matters

GJ commented on the fact that the CNED Group were involved in ongoing discussions with Derbyshire County Council re reported of RoW problems not being dealt with. Emails forwarded from BM give a full report of the situation.

JK reported that he had been sent a reference to the Somerset RoW database, which was open to all and which shows every problem reported, with photographs and when it was resolved.

See roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map

Regarding getting maintenance work done PR said that so much depended on one person in the council with whom it was possible to establish a relationship and get work done.

Dangerous animals on RoW should be reported to the local authority.

AOB

None

