

## **Access, Countryside and Rights of Way**

4th June, 2018

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

### **Present**

Allen Pestell (Chair), David Gadd (Secretary), Les Seaman (Access), Terry Howard (MWPF), Philip Lee (Dearne Valley), Jez Kenyon (Sheffield 40s), Philip Ryder (Rotherham Metro).

### **Apologies**

Cath MacKay (MWPF).

### **Minutes of the meeting of 26th February, 2018**

Agreed as being correct.

### **Matters Arising**

None.

### **Rights of Way**

- i) All members were encouraged to email to support the application of a Traffic Regulation Order on Jacob's Ladder in Stoney Middleton. DG agreed to send a reminder a few days before the deadline on 13th June.
- ii) Great Longstone. *Was there anything here? I wrote Great Longstone down but nothing more? Too busy participating. It doesn't help that it's taken me longer than usual to get around to doing the minutes - memory failing!*
- iii) Groups should be aware that we have money available for kissing gates should they need any. It is accepted that some local authorities provide the timber for groups who maintain stiles and install kissing gates.

### **Access**

- i) LS presented information on the proposed Northern Forest, available online at [http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2018/01/a-new-northern-forest-beyond-the-headlines/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwre\\_XBRDVARIsAPf7zZiBZCi4b-AkDofka23nfMvNJM\\_QxfNqB4g-P3zndhIUyAAoGEmnIT8aAh2OEALw\\_wcB&gclidsrc=aw.ds](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2018/01/a-new-northern-forest-beyond-the-headlines/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwre_XBRDVARIsAPf7zZiBZCi4b-AkDofka23nfMvNJM_QxfNqB4g-P3zndhIUyAAoGEmnIT8aAh2OEALw_wcB&gclidsrc=aw.ds). Two dates not normally restricted are 28/29 September.
- ii) He also gave information on access restrictions, available online at <http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting/crow/crow-restrictions>.
- iii) LS noted that fell runners had come across snares on Hallam Moor and that, also related to fell runners, a track on Moscar Moor was being improved.

### **Countryside**

AP had been to central office to be part of a sounding board re a handbook for countryside officers. Central Office plan to issue handbooks for all Group/Area roles.

## **AOB**

- i) Transport for Greater Manchester produced a booklet '*Walk With Us*' of hundreds of free guided walks for their May festival of walks.
- ii) Central Office have published '*Paving the Way*' the new Ramblers policy on walking in towns and cities.
- iii) The government has recently published *A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment*. This can be accessed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/25-year-environment-plan>. It has a beautiful photo of the Great Ridge taken at sunrise from Mam Tor, but information about walking is almost non-existent inside.
- iv) JK raised the issue of ploughing and cropping following comments made on R-N that no progress had been made since a motion on the subject was passed at the last GC. This was further discussed in the Area Council meeting.