

Access, Countryside and Rights of Way

3rd September, 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), Philip Ryder (Rotherham Metro), Lahari Parchuri (Sheffield 20s).

Apologies

Cath MacKay (MWPF), Jez Jenyon (Sheffield 40s).

Minutes of the meeting of 4th June, 2018

Agreed as being correct.

Matters Arising

None.

Rights of Way

- i) TH gave an update on the Wharncliffe Woods situation re Network Rail, where they have closed a railway crossing. The line is a cul de sac, handling one freight train per day travelling at 15mph. There has never been an incident on the line. Network Rail want Barnsley MBC to adopt a bridge over the line. TH has met with Network Rail through the Local Access Forum but they have no intention of changing their mind. TH suggested that the way forward might be political. AP said that he is meeting Sarah Conto from central office next week re another matter and will discuss the matter with her.
- ii) JK was complimented on the work he has done re recording ploughing and cropping issues. A lot of work has gone into this system, which has been circulated to groups to record issues in their area.

Access

- i) LS said that there are brief closures on Bamford Moor. However, because of the weather in recent months the heather is very low, hence grouse numbers are down and there is less shooting than usual this year.

Countryside

- i) The role title of the Countryside Officer has been changed to Walking Environment Protection Officer.
- ii) The recently announced delay to the London Crossrail project are likely to impact on HS2.

AOB

- i) TH said that the three Sheffield Groups have worked on a scheme called the Bradfield Ancient Ways Improvements (BAWI) which involves improving the many stone stiles and occasional wooden stiles in the Bradfield area. The paths on which the stiles are situated are considered 'ancient' as they appear on the first edition of the 1855 Ordnance Survey map for Bradfield. If SYNED agrees to part-fund the scheme further funding will be sought from other interested bodies.
- ii) CW has submitted her first claim for a Lost Way, on Moscar, and is working on a second claim.