

Shropshire Local Access Forum

13 October 2010

To: All Members of the Local Access Forum

A meeting of the **SHROPSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM** will be held at **10.00 A.M.** on **THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2010** in the **SHREWSBURY ROOM** at **THE SHIREHALL, ABBEY FOREGATE, SHREWSBURY**

Please find the agenda attached.

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Members of the Forum

Name	Fields of Interest
Mrs Jane Ing (Chair)	Conservation Wildlife/Walking
Mr Mark Weston (Vice-Chair)	Horseriding/Carriage Driving/Voluntary Activities
Mr Stephen Bell	Walking/Conservation Wildlife/Disabled Access
Mr Gareph Boxley	Motorised vehicular use/Conservation Wildlife/Disabled Access
Mr Steve Charmley	Shropshire Councillor
Mr Chris Chillingworth	Walking/Voluntary Activities/Community
Mr Richard Cotham	Landowner/Conservation Wildlife/Walking
Mr David Cowell	Landowner/Conservation Wildlife/Tourism
Mr Bob Hill	Conservation Wildlife/Voluntary Activities/ Landowning
Mr Clive Leworthy	Local community/ Walking/Tourism
Mr Stuart Morgan	Walking /Tourism/route design and application
Dr Jane Morris	Conservation/Wildlife/ Walking/ Disabled access
Mr Mike Owen	Shropshire Councillor
Mrs Alison Parker	Walking/Conservation wildlife/local community
Mr Roger Plowden	Landowner/Conservation Wildlife/Farming
Ms Sula Rayska	Tourism/Countryside Voluntary Activity/Walking
Mrs Zia Robins	Horse riding
Mr David Shelley	Walking/Conservation Wildlife/Tourism

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Thursday 21 October 2010 - 10.00 am – 12.30pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Please ensure you sign the attendance record.

2. Declarations of Interest

3. Shropshire Local Transport Plan (10.05-10.25 a.m.)

Report by Jan Cook, Team Leader Traffic and Transport Studies (attached marked: A)

4. Minutes and any matters arising

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 July 2010 (attached marked: B)

5. Public Question Time

To receive any questions, statements or petitions of which notice has been received from members of the public.

6. Walkers' Forum changes (10.35-10.45 a.m.)

Presentation by Deb Hughes, Countryside Access Manager

7. Rights of Way CROW Act Task and Finish Group (10.45-10.55 a.m.)

An oral report by Deb Hughes, Countryside Access Manager

8. Countryside Access Team: Annual Report 2009/10: Making a Difference (10.55-11.05 a.m.)

The annual report was presented to the last meeting but there was insufficient time to discuss it.

Members are asked to bring their copies with them to the meeting. (Some further copies will also be made available).

9. Shropshire Local Access Forum Annual Report (11.05-11.15)

To consider draft annual report for 2009/10 (attached marked: C) prepared by Jim Stabler, Countryside Access Development Officer.

10. Updates (11.15-11.30 a.m.)

10.1 Diversion of the Shropshire Way/Jack Mytton Way at Plowden

10.2 Minsterley – Pontesbury Cycleway

10.3 Much Wenlock Quarry

10.4 Shropshire Way

10.5 Stakeholder Working Group on Unrecorded Public Rights of Way

11. Review of England Access Forum

Copy of response sent by the LAF to Natural England (attached for information marked: D).

12. LAF Members' Handbook (11.30-11.35 a.m)

Review of required content by Jim Stabler

13. DEFRA Consultation document: An invitation to shape the nature of England (11.35-12.10 p.m.)

Defra have produced a consultation document, (summary attached marked: E) in advance of a new White Paper on the natural environment, planned for Spring 2011. The current consultation has a deadline of 30th October.

The document seeks answers to a number of questions and the Forum are asked to discuss questions 6, 7 and 8 to enable a response to be made on their behalf.

Comments on other questions in the document paper for incorporation in the response are welcome by e-mail or in writing by 21 October. Please respond to Jim Stabler (Email: jim.stabler@shropshire.gov.uk).

The full consultation paper may be viewed at:
<http://ww2.defra.gov.uk/environment/natural/whitepaper/>

14. Feedback from other Forums and items for noting (12.10-12.20 p.m.)

The following minutes/papers are provided as updates for members:

Shropshire Riding and Carriage Drivers Groups held on 7 June 2010 (attached marked: F)

Shropshire Hills AONB Recreation Tourism and Products Development Group held on 22 September 2010 (attached marked: G)

Shropshire Cycle Forum Minutes of 7 September 2010 (attached marked: H)

Access newsletter issue No. 46 (attached marked: I)

15. Future meetings/ frequency/ format of away day/future agenda items (12.20- 12.30 p.m.)

Future meetings have been confirmed for Monday 24 January 2011 and Wednesday 27 April 2011.

The Forum are asked whether they are happy to continue on the normal basis of quarterly meetings with an away day.

Proposed dates for 2011/12 will be put to the next meeting for approval.

The photocopied Agenda papers have been produced on recycled paper