

Item No.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>LOCAL ACCESS FORUM</u> <u>Thursday 2nd July 2015, 7pm</u> <u>Shire Hall Warwickshire County Council</u></p>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p>Present: Claire Sangster, Dave Allen, Roger Stone, Mike Murray, Gina Rowe, John Hall, Robin Hickin, Vaughan Owen, Michael Orlik, Perminder Balu,</p> <p>Apologies: Joe Carroll, Annabel Arnold, Sheila Cooper, Steven Wallsgrave, David McCann</p> <p>Members of the Public: Richard Lloyd</p> <p>Officers in Attendance: Dave Keaney (SMBC), Keith Davenport (WCC), Marion Borman (WCC), Lex Le Marinel (CCC), Moh Shafie (CCC), Michael Bird (Ramblers)</p> <p>Notes: Louise Richards (WCC)</p>	
2.	<p>Notes from the Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair apologised for not attending the last meeting • HS2 letter to the Select Committee has not been sent, after checking with Sara Board WCC it was highlighted that it was too late to submit and should have been sent in January 2015 • HS2 - concerns were raised over the times that ROW will be closed, the number of contractors working on the project • Information can be found on the HS2 website and the link to the Environmental and Construction Papers https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/high-speed-rail-london-west-midlands-bill#information-papers • Need to focus on the original duties of the LAF and any issues spotted can be channelled through the co-ordinators below ; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Co-ordinator for ROW work ○ Co-ordinator for disabled access issues ○ Co-ordinator for Canals and Rivers ○ Recovery of potential access land from the effects of coal mining was not felt to be an issue in this area ○ Electric cars, driverless cars and electric bikes may prove to be a problem of which LAF members should be aware 	<p style="text-align: center;">KD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MO JC RS</p>
3.	<p>Notes from the LAF Co-ordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Hiatt has stepped down from the LAF • Phil Nichols Warwickshire County Access Bridleway Officer has been approached to join the LAF 	
4.	Notes from meeting on 19th March 2015	

	<p>The notes were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting with the following amendments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Change date and venue ○ Page 3 AOB 5th bullet point - change 'train' to 'tram' <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Countywide Stewardship Schemes – how is this promoted to the general public? ○ Natural England to be contacted on behalf of the LAF to establish how people can find out about these schemes 	LR
5.	<p>Coombe Abbey/Cubbington Project</p> <p>Gina Rowe circulated maps and outlined the new project to the group. There was a discussion on the project and several suggestions were made. All members were asked to feedback directly to Gina any comments or information that could be included in a consultation.</p> <p>Princethorpe Woodlands Living Landscape project Warwickshire Wildlife Trust is leading a partnership to enhance the natural environment and heritage of this area, south east of Coventry. (Please see the maps attached). We have secured a Development phase grant from Heritage Lottery Fund to support surveys, community consultation and assessment and planning of project work to undertake in a four year Delivery Phase, 2017 – 2021.</p> <p>Part of the work includes assessing both physical and intellectual access to the area and links to the urban areas nearby i.e. east Coventry and north Leamington, and the several villages around the area.</p> <p>We have shown on the attached maps the heritage sites and avenues which we have identified so far to be of potential interest, and a simple view of possible circular links between existing footpaths. We do not envisage creating new footpaths as we want to ensure that the network is sustainable into the future, however ensuring existing routes link and are promoted through trails etc. is part of the project. We will work with local groups and local authority access staff to develop these ideas.</p> <p>We will also be discussing re potential cycle routes, all ability access, improvement of path condition and other practical work that will be of benefit. If you know of particular projects or potential routes that could be linked up, do please let us know. We will be arranging meetings with the local authority staff in the next few weeks.</p>	

	<p>We need to discuss and identify projects over the next 5-6 months and finalise the whole proposal for submission in spring 2016. Do contact us to arrange a meeting or discussion.</p> <p>I also attach a questionnaire we are using to assess how often people use the area at present, and find out what skills they would be interested in learning. Please help if you could complete this and also encourage others to do so and return to us. We need to reach as many people as possible in order to secure the next round of funding for the area. This is a key factor for the Heritage Lottery Fund.</p> <p>If you know of any other groups, walking groups, etc who you think may be interested in being involved, do send us contact details, or pass on this information to them.</p> <p>Contact: Chris Redstall, Development Officer, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust Tel: 024 76630 8998 or 07703 192198 Chris.redstall@wkwt.org.uk Or Gina Rowe Living Landscapes Manager, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust Tel : 024 7630 8976 Gina.rowe@wkwt.org.uk</p>	
6.	<p>Big Path Watch Michael Bird from the Ramblers outlined the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survey to find out the true state of footpaths, bridleways and byways in England & Wales ○ Funded by the Ramblers, starting from 13th July to the end of the year ○ Keen to involve families, young people, WI etc ○ Contributions can be made via a phone app or website ○ Covering a huge range of issues such as signage, views, wildlife, monuments ○ Hoping to fix any problems which are out there ○ As a minimum a statistical sample survey will be completed and information will be sent to LA's <p>Promotion of the scheme is the key to success to get as many people involved as possible, see below.</p> <p><i>"It's easy to take part in the Big Pathwatch:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) From 13 July, visit: www.ramblers.org.uk/BigPathwatch 2) Download the free app 3) Choose your grid square 4) Walk every path in the grid square and use the app the tell us what you find 	All

	<p><i>Don't have a smartphone? No problem – you'll be able to print off a survey card, complete it and upload the results to our website"</i></p> <p>There are other website which rely on members of the public to upload information.</p> <p>The 86 online Definitive maps (DMs) can be accessed from http://www.rowmaps.com/</p> <p>For the phone app open source maps go to google play and search for maps.me</p> <p>NB the phone app only works on smart phones, not PCs</p>	
7.	<p>HS2 Deferred to next meeting</p>	
8.	<p>Footpath on Floodplains Deferred to next meeting</p> <p>Footpaths crossing major highways The issue of footpaths crossing major highways was discussed and the following points were made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New roads – negotiations with LA could negate the damage already done ○ Crossings could be closed ○ Ramblers have produced information on the worst roads in the country – on website ○ Better warning signs for drivers would help ○ Issue of Footpaths crossing railway lines <p>Option could be to contact Lisa Maric, Asset Manager Highways England to ask her opinion</p>	
9.	<p>ROW Budgets The 3 LAs provided feedback as requested at the last meeting, see below. This was a supplementary question to the budget question asked at the last meeting. CCC budget is £60,000 there is also a small reserve pot (including salary costs).</p> <p>Coventry City Council (1) The number of Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMOs) which it has on file awaiting determination, the date of the oldest DMMO and the number of DMMOs that are work in progress or have been completed in the last five years.</p> <p>107 DMMO applications 2 currently with the Secretary of State for determination. No others currently in progress. Oldest dates from 2006</p>	

	<p>(2) The number of Public Path Orders (PPOs) which are on file awaiting action, the date of the oldest and the number dealt with in the last five years. These orders relate to creations, diversions and extinguishments of public paths.</p> <p>No record of any PPO being made in the last 5 years or any record if any applications being received in the last 5 years.</p> <p>(3) The number of Legal Event Modification Orders (LEMOs) which are on file awaiting depiction on the DMS, the date of the oldest file awaiting action and the number dealt with in the last five years. These orders are an administrative exercise which allows the Authority to "catch up" with the DMMOs and PPOs historically made by putting them on the DMS so that it is up to date in these respects. Historically, this was not a priority for many Authorities and therefore it will be useful to what extent this procedure would be a burden on the Authorities.</p> <p>Not known at this time it will become more apparent at the consolidation project progresses.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council DMMO 1) Awaiting Determination = 156 Oldest application yet to be completed = 1992 Work in progress = 17 Completed since 1 January 2010 = 16</p> <p>PPO 2) No. of outstanding applications (not started): 19 Oldest application (not started): 2009 No. of Orders currently being processed: 24 No of Orders completed in the past 5 years (1.4.2010-31.3.2015): 69</p> <p>3) 87 Parishes resulting in 46 LEMO in the pipeline, Further 138 Parishes to be done. 2 LEMO completed in last 5 years. Oldest file awaiting action dates back to 1998 when the last Map and Statement were produced.</p> <p>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (1) DMMO – 16 on the books, the earliest is from 2004, we are working on 1 currently, and have investigated 3 in the last 5 years.</p> <p>(2) Public Path Orders - 4 on the books, the oldest is from 2014, we have dealt with 12 approximately. This includes where we have received applications but refused to make an order.</p>	
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	<p>(3) LEMO's are made concurrently and so we do not have a backlog on file. It is anticipated that a number of our DMMO's may be able to be resolved through the use of LEMO's however.</p>	
10.	<p>Suggested agenda items for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warwickshire ROW Improvement Plan (Review) • Recording ROW prior to 2026 • HS2 • Footpaths on Floodplains 	
11.	<p>Date and venue for next meetings</p> <p>12th November 2015</p> <p>Meetings will be held in Committee Room 2, CWCC Offices at Shire Hall, Warwick. Parking will be available in the car par underneath Barrack Street Office.</p>	<p>LR to book venue</p>
12.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>RH – has been working with colleagues from other LAFs to produce a paper called 'Project White'. A large number of ROW terminate on white (private) roads, if the rights are not recorded prior to 2026 then access will be lost. This paper will be available shortly and circulated to the group, and posted on the Huddle. This will be included as an agenda item for the next meeting in November.</p> <p>LM – Coventry may be withdrawing from the joint forum to set up their own, as Coventry has specific urban issues which need addressing. This is currently being investigated, if it proceeds the timescales for withdrawing from the joint LAF will probably be April 2016</p> <p>RS – There is a need to keep abreast of the HS2 agenda, suggested setting up a Task& Finish Group. HS2 will be at the next LAF meeting, the T&F Group will be set up following this.</p> <p>MM – Would like clarification CCC Dog Control Orders. LM to take this forward with the Dog Warden team</p> <p>GR – Questionnaire for LAF members to complete, electronic copy to be circulated</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>LR</p>