

In Attendance:

Councillor Andrew Carter (Chair)
Councillor David Blackburn
Councillor John Illingworth
Councillor Frank Robinson
Voluntary Organisations
Phil Staniforth – Leisure Services
Elaine Hill – WLCP&GG coordinator, Leisure Services
Kasia Speakman – Sustainable Transport
Sarah Charlton – North West Area Management
Steve Crocker – West Leeds Area Management
Claire Wiggins – West Leeds Area Management
Joanne Smyth - Leisure Services

Apologies

Daniel Reed
Brook Nelson
Farnley Vision Group
Cllr Townsley
Bradford City Council
Calverley Millennium Way

1) Opening Remarks

Cllr Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised everyone of the Leeds Wildlife Volunteers project information for June to September 2007. (Appendix A)

2) Progress with objectives

a) Management Plan

Elaine reported that feedback has already been received from some sectors which have now been incorporated into the management plan. As some of the short term objectives have already been met these have now been updated.

There are new additional sections to the management plan, parts 5 and 6 on which feedback is required by the 17th of July. Any feedback on parts 1 – 4 is also welcomed.

b) Interpretation

An actual size interpretation board was displayed to the group. Cllr Blackburn commented that graffiti is already appearing and solvent to remove it is also removing the print. Elaine advised that boards will be covered in re-enforced plastic so print will not rub off.

New route markers shown to group. Yellow arrows for paths and blue for bridal paths.

Phase 3 leaflet - Apperley Bridge to Woodhall Lake circulated to group. (Appendix B).
Feedback required to Elaine Hill by 2nd of July 2007.

c) Promoting the initiative

Group discussed ideas for raising the profile of the WLCP initiative to the wider public. Elaine advised the group of a photography competition based around places in the WLCP, with the best 12 being used as images for a calendar. The closing date for the competition would be October 2007. It was also suggested that Schools were involved.

Cllr Blackburn suggested that this initiative needs promoting out of the Leeds area to attract people in. Suggested Calendar (TV) be contacted.

David Badger suggested that the Pudsey loop leaflet go out under the guise of the WLCP as the walks avoid the crossing. An element of the WLCP which has still to be resolved with Bradford Council. Cllr Andrew Carter is now to write to the Chief Executive of Bradford Council to try and resolve the matter.

3) Any Other Business

A suggestion was made that S106 monies be utilised to invest in the WLGP. Steve Speak to be invited to next meeting and topic put on next agenda.

A complaint has been received regarding vandalism in Hawksworth Wood. It is perceived that nothing is happening. Phil Staniforth advised that a cleaning up exercise has been done before to try and improve the situation. Cllr Blackburn reiterated that patrols are being funded by Inner and Outer West and Outer North West Area Committees and maybe Inner North West again should consider the same as complaints are reducing.

Steve Crocker promoted the 'I love West Leeds' agenda however group said that they have not seen any advertising for this. He reassured the group that this would happen.

Gotts Park – It would seem that high voltage cables are running under Gotts Park without agreement. It is thought that the company are now prepared to pay £5k for an agreement which should be ring fenced to pay for the repair of the footpaths.

Armley Park – Spikes are sticking out of the footpaths. Elaine confirmed that this is on the action plan to resolve.

Cllr Carter announced that the official opening of Pudsey Park bandstand is on the 24th of June 2007.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 17th September 2007 16:00 at the Civic Hall.