

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

THURSDAY 28th January, 2010

**Wentworth Mechanics Institute,
Main Street, Wentworth**

ATTENDING

John Harker
Richard Swann
Richard Brooke

Ken Whetter
Jill Riley
Jane Sara

Clare McRoy – Senior Rights of Way Officer, RMBC Streetpride
Christian Hayes - CROW Act Officer, RMBC Streetpride
Michael Firth – Member of the public

1.0 Apologies

Peter Cogill

Alan Turton

Steve Hird

Introductions

JH introduced Jill Riley to the meeting

2.0 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 28th October 2009 were agreed as a true record.

3.0 Matters Arising/Action Points

Action Point 1

CH to provide grid references for the verges at Treeton and Carr.

Long Lane, Treeton - SK 444321 , 389088
Carr Lane, Carr – SK 451461 , 389826

Action Point 2

CH to invite landowners, forum, local riders and press to an opening ceremony once the notices have been erected on site.

Sign is now present on site (see photo). Mick Firth is liaising with Stans family and the Aston Footpath Walkers to arrange a date for the official opening. *NB Date set for Saturday 27th February 2010 at 1030am

Action Point 3

CH to provide update on completed actions in the ROWIP

Updated statement of actions handed out at meeting.
(See Appendix A)

4.0 Update on CROW Act works from Chris Hayes

4.1 Riverside Trail

The old style A-barriers have now been removed along the path and where necessary replaced with kissing gates. We've also carried out repairs to some timber fencing and to the surface of a small section of path in Canklow

4.2 Permissive b/way at Whiston

The new timber fencing and access gates for the permissive bridleway between Whiston Vale and Long Lane have arrived in stock and will be erected very shortly.

4.3 New steps on Maltby F 13

Contractors Grant Stewart are part way through the construction of 2 flights of timber steps on footpath 13 at Maltby ([Photos passed around at meeting](#)). The work should be completed by the end of this week

4.4 Verge widening scheme

The clearance works to the verges along Carr Lane at Carr and the Brampton Straight mile have been completed, however because traffic management is required, the work on Long Lane, Treeton will take place in the new financial year.

4.5 Fencing & Clearance Scheme @ Roman Banks

The works to clear a permissive footpath and improve fencing began on Monday and should now be complete.

4.6 Hardwick Lane

CH was asked to look at how Aston footpath 16, off Hardwick Lane, could be upgraded to a bridleway and thus create access for horseriders from the Brampton Straight Mile right the way through to the A57.

Due to the high cost of compensation that could result from the use of a creation order, CH looked back through historical evidence to see if the path ever had any higher rights.

Action Point 1

CH to pursue cost of creation order and contact RMBC Land Valuation team.

5.0 Updates from Richard Pett & Clare McRoy (RMBC Rights of Way

5.1 Richards update

Walking Festival

Walking Festival Organised for 8th to 16th May, this should make the festival a little better, there will be less vegetation and hopefully better weather, although I wouldn't rule out snow. Joanne Edley is coordinating

Connect 2 Sustrans

Core route about to be started in Rotherham (tarmac route from TPT at Killamarsh to RVCP visitor centre).

Woodall Services proposed link to Killamarsh (multi user route from Killamarsh to Todwick) Highways Agency verbally support this proposal, awaiting landowner confirmation.

Proposal to divert FP1 at Harthill to tidy up an order proposed in 1986 progressing well, just in final coordination of paperwork between BWB and landowner and will then commence informal consultation.

FP 24 Harthill diversion proposal with you.

The diversion of bridleway at brancliffe grange (over the railway line presently, you may recall this is the only bridleway that requires a winged horse to use in the borough)

This will be the last proposed diversion I'll make for the life of connect 2, this package of diversions for connect 2 will therefore enable (subject obviously to ongoing diversions being approved); creation of wheelchair route between kiveton and harthill, creation of equestrian route between killamarsh and todwick, creation of safer roadside access between harthill and kiveton park, creation/recognition of reservoirside access at harthill and creation of safe equestrian route/conclusion of definitive map anomaly raised by Notts RA at shireoaks/brancliffe.

Works can then take place when funds are opened up, and at this time I'll also be coming back to the RA with a full list of what funds we have and taking suggestions.

Once the core route is in in Rotherham, I will press for funds to be released.

YES developments at Rother Valley Country Park

No further update, the plan is still, I believe, to start with the ice hockey stadium.

Meadowhall Rd to Meadowbank Rd. on the RRR –

As we have 3 objections we're anticipating a public inquiry, we'll keep you posted.

Budgets

No word as yet, but expect budget to remain the same

Waverley developments.

Public Bridleway 1 diversion confirmed thank you for your support. Public meeting to discuss access scheduled for 1 Feb. Next phase – the lakeside trails and the proposed diversion of remaining routes will be with you shortly. Motorbike trespass very low (1 bike every other day on average), but still being logged regularly, still looking to improve treeton access onto site and have met railtrack with a view to progressing this but still at haggling stage. Riverside trail/perimeter multi-user route will be fully open once drainage/flood prevention works take place at catcliffe, this is due to be finished this year and involves raising the site levels at the Catcliffe end (quite a big task).

Parkway Bridge

In final legal stages and due to start work late march, completed by winter 2010. Proposed to create/divert paths once bridge is in as no PROW affected, which I know seems odd.

Eastern Strategic Route (Thurcroft-Woodsetts)

Proposed pegasus crossing at Todwick Road slowly progressing, parish councils about to be approached to inform them of route and ask for suggestions for naming etc.

Lindrick Golf Course

Underpass about to commence. Closures for the road have been arranged (you may wish to note this) for weekend 6th Feb, weekend 13th Feb and weekend 24th April. I believe the phrase is 'expect long delays' the alternative route is via Barlborough. Again expect some discussions about creations or diversions soon, I'll obviously keep you posted.

Smithywood Multi-User Bridge (Jtn 35 M1)

Works about to start, the legal situation here is very much up in the air still. I may be asking for support in the near future but Mick Hansen and I are doing our best to get a creation order sorted as soon as we can.

Action Point 2

RP to attend the next LAF meeting, particularly to update the group about the A57 scheme

5.2 Clares update

There is still an extremely tight budget for works for the remainder of this financial year, but work is still being carried out on a carefully assessed and prioritised basis. Several jobs have now been successfully carried out on RMBC's behalf by Groundworks Dearne Valley teams, for example works are currently underway to carry out surface improvements and put in new steps and handrails on Public Footpaths Maltby 23/ Bramley 9. This particular scheme was proposed by a local community group (the Hellaby Group) and has attracted grant funding. CM is looking to continue working with Groundworks Dearne Valley in the future and will be properly formalising the arrangement in the near future.

This year is the 21st anniversary of the Trans-Pennine Trail and there will be at least one event taking place in the Rotherham area in June, to tie in with the main celebration at Barnsley on Sunday the 20th.

Enforcement issues are still being prioritised and CM is currently reviewing the existing policies, looking to make improvements where necessary.

The signposting rolling programme is now progressing more actively following a few hiccups with the prioritisation of the programme within RMBC's overall signage works. The 3rd and 4th batches for this year are due to be completed over the next few weeks.

Further to mention of the landowner cross-compliance scheme, the landowner information which the Rights of Way Team has is currently being updated, so that the trial of the scheme can be implemented more easily.

Finally, the BVPI figure for ease of use of the PROW network is currently running this quarter at 93.2%, so slightly up again, and close to last year's overall figure of 93.3%.

6.0 Informal consultation re closure request for Aston Footpath no 9

CH informed the group that he had received a closure request from a resident of Marlborough Close, Aston. The request is due to the high levels of anti-social behaviour in the area. CH has completed an on-line Freedom of Information request with S Y Police asking for the crime statistics for the area. The group came to the joint conclusion that the LAF would oppose any decision to close the path.

7.0 Feedback from England / Yorks & Humberside and neighbouring Local Access Forums **(NOTHING TO REPORT)**

8.0 Any other business / Questions from the public

8.1 Best of Both Worlds

CH informed the group that he had received information about the above project. The information is attached as [Appendix B](#).

8.2 Shooting Interests

CH informed the group that he had received an e-mail from the director of The North of England British Association for Shooting & Conservation. The e-mail asked what representation there is currently on the forum for shooting interests and how they could be kept informed of the issues and make an input. CH wrote back to them with the following:

“As Rotherham LAF is a relatively small group (12 members), there is currently no representation for shooting interests however If required, I would be happy to add your contact details to the e-mail list to ensure that you receive a copy of the minutes and agenda for each meeting.”

So far there has been no further correspondence.

8.3 ROWIP

KW asked if the ROWIP statement of action will be re-written before the next meeting and could LAF members send in suggestions for new action points?

CH stated that he would be happy to receive suggestions from LAF members and that the statement of actions will be updated at the beginning of the new financial year.

9.0 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday April 27th at 7pm
Venue to be confirmed

Appendix A

Table 7.1 Statement of Action

Assessment 1	Availability of access to the countryside			
<p>Conclusions</p>	<p><i>Some countryside sites do not connect well with the rights of way network.</i></p> <p><i>A fragmented public rights of way network limits countryside access opportunities in some areas of the borough and this has created a high level of latent demand for additional routes.</i></p>			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
<p>Identify and list the key sites requiring improved links to the surrounding network of rights of way. Investigate, prioritise and instigate options for securing improved access to poorly served sites. Key sites identified as the Country Parks (Thrybergh, Ulley & Rother Valley).</p>	<p>2.3 Corporate Plan 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan – Policy R2, R4, R7</p>	<p>May 2007</p> <p>COMPLETE / ONGOING</p>	<p>Green Spaces Unit Country Parks Landowners</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Collate and prioritise requests for additional public access opportunities to identify missing links in the network of local rights of way. This was done and is</p>	<p>2.3 Corporate Plan 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan – R1, R3, R8</p>	<p>May 2008</p> <p>COMPLETE / ONGOING</p>	<p>LAF Path User Groups Landowners</p>	<p>-</p>

ongoing as works progress in different parts of the Borough, such as on the A57 and at Thorpe Hesley.				
Identify and develop access opportunities to land included on the Maps of Open Country and Registered Common Land with particular regard to Throapham Common. After lengthy investigation by Andy Savage, it was concluded that both financial and ecological issues prevented any work being done at Throapham Common.	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan – Policy R4, R7	Aug 2007 COMPLETE	Landowners LAF Countryside Agency	£40,000

Assessment 2	Routes to support tourism and regeneration			
Conclusions	<p><i>Tourism - There is a demand for further traffic free multi user routes.</i></p> <p><i>Regeneration - The reclamation of former industrial sites often provides notable improvements to non motorised users.</i></p> <p><i>There is considerable scope to develop access in conjunction with Housing Market Renewal with particular regard to Key Routes.</i></p>			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost

<p>Tourism - Carry out feasibility study for the development of a single traffic free route of the Rotherham Section of the TPT southern link suitable for all classes of user. The route has been identified and various works are ongoing. For example the £4.7m Parkway Bridge linking the new Waverley Site. The next update meeting is on Monday 1st Feb. Drainage and flood prevention works are to be carried out in 2010 and the route will be open in 2011.</p>	<p>2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP –Policy CR2 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.7 Rotherham Cycling Strategy 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan -Policy R3, R4</p>	<p>Aug 2008</p> <p>COMPLETE / ONGOING</p>	<p>TPT Team Planning & Transportation Service Landowners</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Identify, develop and promote links from the TPT into surrounding urban centres and tourist destinations Western and Eastern Strategic Routes identified along with new routes at Orgreave and Waverley. The next section of the WSR to be looked at will be the SSSI at fence. Negotiations with the Environment Agency are required (Subgroup)?</p>	<p>2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP – Policy CR2 2.7 Rotherham Cycling Strategy 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan -Policy R3, R4</p>	<p>Aug 2009</p> <p>COMPLETE / ONGOING</p>	<p>Landowners Planning & Transportation Service TPT Team</p>	<p>£60,000 (or £10,000 per km)</p>

Assessment 2 Cont...				
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost

		Date		
<p>Identify and prioritise strategic routes between urban centres for utilitarian and leisure use. (See Also Key Actions 7) Doorstep Walk No 10 Western Strategic Route opening 2011 (JIM STAVELY)</p>	<p>2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP – Policy T4, T6, T7 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan –Policy R1, R3</p>	<p>Oct 2010 COMPLETE</p>	<p>Path user groups LAF Landowners</p>	-
<p>Develop and promote the Cuckoo Way and community link paths. Completed early</p>	<p>2.3 Corporate Plan 2.5 UDP – Policy T7, CR2 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan –Policy R1, R3, R4</p>	<p>Apr 2010 COMPLETE</p>	<p>Chesterfield Canal Society British Waterways Planning and Transportation Service Landowners</p>	£300,000
<p>Carry out feasibility study of creating additional linear access beside waterways - River Rother from Rotherham Town Centre to Rother Valley Country Park. Study carried out and line of trail mapped out, small environmental works to be carried out 08/09. Larger works to continue through 09/10</p>	<p>2.3 Corporate Plan 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan –Policy R1, R3, R4</p>	<p>Aug 2009 ONGOING</p>	<p>Environment Agency Landowners Chesterfield Canal Society LAF</p>	-
<p>Regeneration - Work with the Planning & Transportation Service and other stakeholders to maximise opportunities</p>	<p>2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP – Policy ENV5, T6, T7,</p>	<p>COMPLETE / ONGOING</p>	<p>Planning and Transportation Service Developers</p>	-

provided by reclamation projects. Done and ongoing (Waverley)			Landowners	
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Assessment 2 Cont...				
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
Work with farmers and other stakeholders to maximise access opportunities offered by farm diversification. Whiston permissive bridleway, Connect 2	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.5 UDP – Policy T6	ONGOING	Farmers FWAG Green Spaces Unit	-
Identify and prioritise ‘Green Corridors’ and links to ‘Key Routes’ in the Rawmarsh Housing Market Renewal Area. Carry out a feasibility study of identified routes and establish detailed costings. <i>Improvement works have begun around Sandhill. Groundwork Dearne Valley are currently clearing the route of overgrown vegetation.</i>	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP – Policy T6, T7, CR2 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.7 Rotherham Cycling Strategy 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan –Policy R3, R4, R6	COMPLETE / ONGOING	Transportation Pathfinder Project Landowners	-

Assessment 3A	The opportunities for walkers			
Conclusions	<i>There is considerable scope and demand to develop pedestrian facilities on the urban fringe and in rural areas.</i>			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
Identify, develop and promote pedestrian routes, especially on the urban fringe. (See Also Key Actions 4) Doorstep Walks	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP – Policy T6, T7, CR2 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan –Policy R3, R4	Oct 2012 ONGOING	Path user groups LAF Landowners Primary Care Trust	£80,000
Identify opportunities to provide additional pedestrian access to the areas highlighted in the assessment as having limited pedestrian facilities. Local Country Parks highlighted, work is ongoing such as ESR, Riverside Trail, possible new bridleways around Ulley as	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP – Policy T6, T7, CR2 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan	June 2008 COMPLETE / ONGOING	Path user groups Landowners	-

a result of windfarm development	-Policy R3, R4			
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Assessment 3B	The opportunities for horse riders			
Conclusions	<i>The network of routes available to horse riders is very limited.</i>			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
Identify, develop and promote bridleway links, creating off road routes especially in areas with a high density of livery stables. New permissive bridleway linking Long Lane Treeton with Whiston.. Waverley site to be linked to Treeton. Investigating possible route at Hardwick Lane, Aston	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan -Policy R1, R3,	Apr 2014 ONGOING	Path user groups Landowners Livery stables LAF	£80,000
Develop and promote strategic eastern and western bridleway routes. Route identified and surveyed. Schemes already in progress including surfacing and provision of Pegasus crossing.	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan -Policy R1, R3,	Apr 2010 ONGOING	Chesterfield Canal Society Doncaster MBC Sustrans Landowners	Schemes to be costed individually

Produce an index of desired and missing links for potential creation as permissive routes a part of the Environmental Stewardship scheme. No further funding available through Environmental Stewardship Scheme (JIM STAVELY)	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan –Policy R1, R2, R3,	Oct 2008 COMPLETE/ ABANDONED	Green Spaces Unit Landowners Path user groups	-

Assessment 3C	The opportunities for carriage drivers			
Conclusions	<i>There is no meaningful network of routes available to carriage drivers.</i>			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
Identify, develop and promote the use of Quiet Lanes to the benefit of all non motorised users. Quiet Lanes identified by Andy Savage, however due to nature of Boroughs roads, very few can be promoted as “Quiet Lanes”. Confirmation from RMBC Highways section that roads in the	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP – Policy T4 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy	Mar 2007 COMPLETE	Planning and Transportation Service BHS SY Police	Schemes to be costed individually

Borough are too busy to be deemed as Quiet Lanes				
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Assessment 3D	The opportunities for cyclists			
Conclusions	The facilities available to cyclists are limited especially in rural areas.			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
Identify opportunities to develop and where possible create cycle routes with particular regard to those routes connecting the urban fringe with rural areas. Ongoing	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP – Policy T7, CR2 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.7 Rotherham Cycling Strategy 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan –Policy R1, R3,	Apr 2014 ONGOING	Planning and Transportation Service Landowners	£80,000

Assessment 3E	The opportunities for recreational motorists			
Conclusions	<p><i>There is no meaningful network of routes available to recreational motorists.</i></p> <p><i>The public awareness and utilisation of the network of unsurfaced public roads is often low.</i></p>			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
Carryout a condition survey of UCRs and unmetalled adopted highways. Condition surveys carried out by Highway Inspectors, and is ongoing.	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy	Aug 2009 COMPLETE	User groups Network Maintenance	-
Work with stakeholders to identify and manage legitimate vehicular use of the countryside and the rights of way network. Ongoing	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy	Apr 2012 ONGOING	User groups Landowners	£10,000
Compile a list and digital map of all rural un-metalled Unclassified County Roads. Done	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan -Policy R4	Dec 2006 COMPLETE	Network Maintenance	-

Assessment 3F	The opportunities for user with limited mobility			
Conclusions	<p><i>The rights of way network is generally inaccessible to wheel chair users.</i></p> <p><i>The presence of stiles severely limits the accessibility of the network.</i></p> <p><i>There is an absence of accurate information to enable disabled users to make informed decisions of the accessibility of the network.</i></p>			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
<p>Carry out an access audit of the Rights of Way Network and principal access sites.</p> <p>Paper exercise using “By All Reasonable Means” to look at access from a 1 mile radius into each Country Park. To begin</p>	<p>2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP – Policy T8, CR2 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan –Policy R6.</p>	<p>Dec 2010</p> <p>ONGOING</p>	<p>Path user groups LAF</p>	<p>-</p>

December 2009				
Improve access across the rights of way network, adopted footpaths and public open space by using least restrictive access guidance. Connect 2 schemes Doorstep Walks Eastern & Western Strategic Routes TPT	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP – Policy T8, CR2 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan –Policy R6.	Dec 2016	Path user groups Landowners ROW contractors LAF	£5,000 per annum
Identify, prioritise and carry out works on strategic routes to upgrade to full accessibility standard. Ongoing (see above)	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP – Policy T8, CR2 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan –Policy R6.	Nov 2016	Path user groups Landowners LAF	£50,000 per annum
Produce 6 ‘Easy Going Trail’ Leaflets (Least Restrictive Access) (See Also Key Actions 10) Ongoing	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan –Policy R3, R4, R6.	Jan 2015	Path user groups Design studio Landowners Tourism Unit	£1,500 per annum

Assessment 3F Cont...				
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
Publish disabled access information for inclusion in the Public Rights of Way Web Page.	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest	Jan 2008 COMPLETE	Web team	-

(see also Key Actions 10) Web page complete and on line	Plan –Policy R6.			
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Assessment 4	Routes from population centres, circular routes and routes used in association with of public transport.			
Conclusions	<p><i>There is a strong public demand to develop a variety of circular routes on the urban fringe.</i></p> <p><i>There is a public desire to make greater use of public transport as a means of accessing the countryside.</i></p>			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
Develop integrated public transport and public rights of way information to expand and promote the network for utilitarian and leisure use. Not begun	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2	Aug 2012	Transportation SYLTE	Schemes to be costed individually

Identify and develop key routes on the urban fringe with the aim of providing additional access opportunities. (See Also Key Actions 3A) Ongoing	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP – Policy T6, T7, 2.7 Rotherham Cycling Strategy 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan –Policy R1, R3, R4, R7	Oct 2012	Path user groups LAF Landowners SYLTE	£10,000 per km
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Assessment 5	Routes to ameliorate affects of major roads.			
Conclusions	<i>Many roads which have to be crossed or traversed are unsuitable for non motorised users.</i>			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
Undertake safety audits to identify improvement works. Investigate options to secure funding and safety improvements. Not begun	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.8 South Yorkshire Road Safety and Casualty Reduction Strategy	Jan 2012	Road Safety Team	-

Identify and list highway margins suitable for use by non motorised traffic. Prioritise according to safety benefits and investigate options to secure improved access and funding. Works started on Long Lane, Treeton. Carr Lane, Carr and Brampton Straight Mile.	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.8 South Yorkshire Road Safety and Casualty Reduction Strategy	Dec 2007 PARTLY COMPLETE / ONGOING	Path user groups LAF	-
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Assessment 6	The current rights of way network			
Conclusions	<p><i>In areas the definitive map and statement does not accurately depict the nature and location of public use on the ground.</i></p> <p><i>There is potential for the Lost Ways Project to add certain identified routes to improve the connectivity of the network.</i></p>			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
Identify and prioritise the status of claims considered to offer the greatest potential benefit to the network. Where appropriate make DMMOs to add additional public rights to the definitive	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.7 Rotherham Cycling Strategy	Jan 2016 ONGOING	Parish Councils Path user groups Discovering Lost Ways Project Legal & Democratic	-

map. Ongoing	2.8 South Yorkshire Forest Plan -Policy R1, R2, R7		Services	
Prioritise and manage the review of the Definitive Map to enable the completion of the definitive map and statement by January 2026. Ongoing	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.8 South Yorkshire Forest Plan -Policy R1, R2, R7	ONGOING	Legal & Democratic Services Parish Councils Path user groups	-
Utilise the mapping data gathered during the PROW condition survey to identify the areas where the definitive map differs from the network of routes physically used by the public. Carried out by highway inspectors	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.8 South Yorkshire Forest Plan -Policy R1, R2, R7	COMPLETE	Path user groups LAF	-

Assessment 7	The availability of routes to local facilities			
Conclusions	<p><i>Scope exists to develop and improve the network of urban definitive rights of way.</i></p> <p><i>Whilst the standard of urban adopted footpaths is high, scope exists to improve the network to encourage usage.</i></p> <p><i>There is a latent demand to develop strategic routes between built up areas to enable local journeys.</i></p>			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost

		Date		
Identify, develop and promote strategic routes between urban centres for utilitarian/ leisure use.	See Conclusion 2			
Identify, develop and promote safer routes to school. Every school in the Borough must have a school travel plan in place by April 2011. <i>Carried out by Vince Boulter</i>	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2	Apr 2011 ONGOING	Planning & Transportation Service, Schools, Parents, Children, Governors, Education, Primary Care Trust, Travelwise (SYLTE)	Proposed engineering schemes to be costed individually

Assessment 8	The availability of routes through and around heavily developed areas			
Conclusions	<i>Urbanisation and development often blights the non-motorised network of routes, especially on the urban fringe.</i>			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
Work with the Planning & Transportation Service and developers to ensure that the rights of way network remains relevant to local use and demand.	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP – Policy ENV5, T2, T4, T6, T7, T8, CR2	COMPLETE / ONGOING	Planning & Transportation Service Developers Landowners	-
Identify and prioritise urban routes which	2.3 Corporate Plan	Aug 2009	Planning & Transportation	-

require upgrading to meet the utilitarian and recreational needs of users.	2.4 SYLTP2 2.5 UDP – Policy T6, T7, T8,		Service Developers Landowners	
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Assessment 9	The condition of the network			
Conclusions	<p><i>Users would like to see more resources targeted to the maintenance and enforcement of the public rights of way network.</i></p> <p><i>The lack of way marking and signage in some areas is a barrier to countryside access.</i></p>			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
Adopt a regime of improved maintenance of the rights of way network, especially on those routes used by users with limited mobility or the visually impaired. To include increased seasonal overgrowth clearance and	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy	Apr 2007 COMPLETE	Parish Councils Path user groups ROW contractors	£10,000 per annum

replacement of path furniture. See Appendix E- Routine Maintenance Works. Comment from Clare?				
Implement a programme of refreshing public rights of way signage throughout the borough. Complete & ongoing	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.4 SYLTP2 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy	April 2014 COMPLETE	Landowners Path user groups	£3,500 per annum
Adopt the protocols outlined in the Enforcement Policy (Appendix A) and the Ploughing and Cropping on Public Rights of Way – Code of Practice (Appendix B).	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy	Dec 2006 COMPLETE	Landowners Legal & Democratic Services Path user groups Land representatives	-

Assessment 10	The publicity of the network and countryside access			
Conclusions	<p><i>There is a high public demand for additional promotional information and in some cases the lack of information prevents potential users from enjoying the countryside.</i></p> <p><i>There is a lack of information regarding the wider network of public access.</i></p>			
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost

Produce 1 digital format door step e-walk each year. One produced, however, all doorstep walks are published on line and experience has shown that people prefer the printed literature.	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan – Policy R3, R4	Jan 2010 COMPLETE / ABANDONED	Design studio Landowners Tourism Unit Path user groups	£500 per annum Actually £1000 each
Produce 1 digital format door step e-ride every 2 years. See above	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan – Policy R3, R4	Jan 2010 ABANDONED	Design studio Landowners Tourism Unit Path user groups	£1, 500
Produce 6 Easy Going Trail Leaflets (Least Restrictive Access).	See Conclusion 3F	ONGOING		
Devise and publish closer look health walks for each door step walk route. Begun January 2010	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan – Policy R8	Jan 2010 ONGOING	PCT Design studio Landowners Tourism Unit	-

Assessment 10 Cont...				
Key Actions	Policy Link (Chapter 2 Policy Context)	Proposed Completion Date	Key Partnerships	Estimated Cost
Continue to develop the Rotherham Rights of Way Web Page.	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan – Policy R3, R4, R7	May 2007 ONGOING	Web Team	-

Work with the Rotherham Local Access Forum to maximise the development of Countryside Access and to encourage usage.	2.3 Corporate Plan	Apr 2016 ONGOING	LAF	£30,000 per annum
Produce 5 closer look door step walk translations in additional languages as appropriate.	2.3 Corporate Plan 2.6 Countryside Traffic Management Strategy 2.9 South Yorkshire Forest Plan – Policy R6	Dec 2010	Translation Co-ordinator Tourism Unit	£180 per annum
Produce “A plain speaking guide” - A common sense guide to countryside access. Complete	2.3 Corporate Plan	May 2007 COMPLETE	LAF	£1,000
Publish disabled access information for inclusion in the Public Rights of Way Web Page. Done	See Conclusion 3F	COMPLETE		

Appendix B

Dear LAF Secretary

I understand that at present you do not have a Regional Co-ordinator, and therefore I am writing to you direct.

It is about Best of Both Worlds www.bobw.co.uk which you may have heard of.

Best of Both Worlds (www.bobw.co.uk) is a website developed by NE, CCW, CCPR and the Environment Agency to promote good practice in reconciling differences between those in the responsible pursuit of outdoor sports and recreation, and those who manage the sensitive environments in which they take place.

With the coming into law of the Marine and Coastal Access Act, a new raft of access issues are likely to arise. Ministers have voiced their view that LAFs have a critical role to play in the ensuing debates, as Natural England role out the coastal access scheme. Inevitably, there will be concerns amongst conservationists about the possible impact and some may seek to limit access to protect natural, landscape or cultural heritage. But, it is usually possible to manage access to remove the cause for such concerns. BoBW contains a wealth of information to help.

My reason for contacting you is to ask if you could bring BoBW to the attention of your LAF Chair and members. Perhaps you have a newsletter which goes out to them, or perhaps as an agenda item for information. If you have your own website or web pages, and feel there is merit in having a weblink, we would be grateful.

If you could let me know what action you are able to take (or not) I would be most grateful.

Many thanks
Kind regards
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