

Bradford Local Access Forum
Minutes of meeting
Wednesday 6th November 2024 - 6:30 pm
Teams Meeting

Meeting Organiser: Danny Jackson Countryside and Rights of Way Manager
Notes: Linda Stafford Area Rights of Way Officer (administrating the LAF)

Present:
Pam Allen (Chair): Equestrian, Regional LAF representative
Didy Metcalf: Equestrian, landowner, Regional LAF Secretary
Andrew Beck: Trail Riders Fellowship representative
Marilyn Banister: Menston Parish Council representative
Emma Young: Bradford Council - Cycle and Active Travel Champion
Nick Dybeck: Walker, Ramblers Association representative, Friends of Ilkley Moor representative

Paul Osborne Systra Group

Apologies:
Mark Corrigan: Regional British Horse Society representative
Steve Parkes Walking - access from those with limited walking ability to those who need wheelchairs

Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw: Bradford Council Executive Member, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Transport – with responsibility for Countryside and Rights of Way Service and Transport Planning

Item	Discussion	Action	Person(s) Responsible
1	Members present – introductions	Members present and introductions.	
2	Mass Transit Presentation – Paul Osborne, Systra Group, presenting. (30 mins)	<p>Presentation given by Paul Osborne, Systra Group. Paul to send presentation to LS. LS to circulate to members.</p> <p>Link to website West Yorkshire Combined Authority Mass Transit (tram link proposal and its proposed routes) https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/improving-transport/mass-transit/</p> <p>Discussion about preferred route and any impact on public rights of way. Paul: route not in detail at this stage but will note that DJ and LAF have expressed that they would like to be consulted before the route is confirmed to avoid any negative impact on the ROW network.</p>	PA
3	Apologies		

4	Minutes of last meeting and matters arising	<p>PA accepted minutes from August meeting.</p> <p>Brief update from DJ on discussions during the August meeting.</p> <p>EY gave an update on Baildon riverside path Buck Lane area to Esholt – ATF (Active Travel Funding).</p> <p>LAF expressed concerns about safety with anti-social use by quad bikes, the speed of cyclists between the canal and the bridge over the river, and horses over the narrow bridge with users on foot.</p> <p>EY to feedback concerns and to ask if anything can be done to slow cyclists down. Speed humps across the Flexipave was suggested. Also, to feedback to engineers to look at possible solutions for the bridge.</p> <p>DJ discussed problematic section to rear of Charlestown Cemetery.</p> <p>Matters b/f from meeting held May 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Culture Way PA and DM attempted to put together some ideas for City of Culture Way. PA was to set up meeting to discuss – not progressed. Cllr ARS – noted the 25 Bradford Walks project. DJ to send Jayne Earnshaw contact details – Countryside and Access remit for City of Culture to LS. LS to circulate to PA. • Occupation Lane, Menston – gates on PROW DM: have looked on 1953 definitive map – no record of gates. DJ: Landowner has been contacted. Some evidence that there was one gate historically, taking advice from legal as not recorded on Definitive Map. FP discussed with legal, serving notice but unclear if it will be on two or three gates, further advice from legal needed. DM to put in application for a bridleway at this location. Report almost ready. DM to forward information on the history of the gate to DJ. • Definitive Map Officer DJ: Permission given to re-advertise and to advertise with IPROW. 	<p>DJ</p> <p>EY</p> <p>DJ/LS</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p>
5	LAF Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member information for webpage LS emailed round for member information. Awaiting information from PA and SP – to send information to LS. • Parish Council representation on LAF Meeting 1.5.24 - DJ sent Jonathan Hayes (liaison officer for town and parish councils) an information sheet giving a brief overview of the LAF to be distributed to town and parish councils. Not much take up from PCs to attend meetings. Are we asking PCs to attend meetings as guests/representatives (i.e. non-members) or to formally apply as members? DJ to contact PC co-ordinator to offer membership or attend as a guest. LS to send minutes to the PC co-ordinator. 	<p>SP/PA/LS</p> <p>DJ/LS</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential new members – EY emailed out for cyclist representatives. LS received email of interest from AT, Capital of Cycling. Application and information forms sent. 	
6	INVITATION: Roads for All Forum - Yorkshire and North East - Active Travel.	<p>Invitation received in LAF email – LS forwarded to DJ / Members</p> <p>PA and EY attending.</p>	PA/EY
7	Queensbury 20/21/ etc Footpath diversion etc	<p>Access issues in this area of Queensbury impacted on the neighbouring Calderdale area.</p> <p>PA liaising with representative in Calderdale regarding routes that link up and attended the Calderdale LAF.</p> <p>DJ gave an update from JB re footpath diversion.</p> <p>PA: part of route described as bridleway on definitive map. The section recorded as footpath should be higher status as bridleway. Recorded as bridleway where links with Calderdale.</p> <p>PA noted that DM has recorded information on routes on her own website and BHS 'Dobbin' for reference.</p> <p>DJ: Wider issues in the area are being dealt with by Darren Hinchcliffe.</p>	
8	Trail Riders Fellowship (TRF) – Health and Wellbeing report	<p>Report circulated to members. Presentation given by AB</p> <p>PA: RAF – representative from GLEAM (Green Lanes Environmental Action Movement) – wanted a blanket ban on all green lanes. Not accepted by RAF members but agreed to consult with LAFs on damage and issues.</p> <p>AB: requested better signage for byways and appropriate signing, noting current PSPO signs can be confusing.</p> <p>DM: in 1970's TRF put in claims but not processed.</p> <p>DJ: not full DMMO applications - just objections.</p> <p>MB: green routes, ancient routes not intended for motorised vehicles and expressed concerns over noise in the countryside.</p>	
9	motorbikes or 4 X 4s issues	<p>Motorcycle and Rural Crime Newsletter May 2024 circulated to members.</p> <p>Covered in discussion item 8.</p>	
10	Wharfedale Green Way consultation results	<p>B/F from last meeting – MB wants to discuss.</p> <p>PA invited Colm from Friends of Wharfedale Greenway to give presentation on FOWG survey results and their work. Unable to attend this meeting, LS to invite to meeting in February.</p>	LS
11	Update from YH and NLS Regional Access Forum Meeting held 4 Sept 2024	<p>DM and PA gave a summary of key points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural England Update – too soon after election for any meaningful update. NFU update – dog attacks. New bill presented to parliament making it easier to prosecute. Council cutting back trees – advice from environmental influences not to cut back. Where does that leave ROW? Primrose Lane, surface improvements. 	
12	Dates of next meetings	<p>Agreed quarterly meetings, three online and one outside.</p> <p>These have been set up to May 2025.</p> <p>Next meetings:</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online: February 5th 2025 – 6.30pm • Online: May 7th 2025 – 6.30pm <p>LS to send confirmation email invitations to new members.</p> <p>Date and location for August outside meeting to be confirmed - 3rd September agreed, LS to send out calendar invite.</p>	LS
13	Other updates/ consultations	<p>LS to circulate list of consultations to members.</p> <p>CROW Update – DJ to do a report, LS to circulate</p>	LS DJ/LS
14	Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steeton/ Silsden bypass bridge update EY: consultation engagement early in the new year. EY to enquire whether the bridge will be open to equestrians as well as cyclists. • Signalisation and road traffic scheme with Active Travel. Information from Oliver: Updated design was shared with Cllrs yesterday and a site meeting has been arranged to discuss the proposals. Once loosely agreed with Cllrs, we will go through a consultation process, and we will formally agree the proposals with Active Travel England. Concerns expressed about the kick back on the proposals for the Buck Lane / Otley Road junction that had been put out. EY to ask that the LAF is consulted following the discussion with councillors. DM to provide contact details of BHS representative to be consulted. • update on the Milnerfield claim DJ: FP has picked up the work that SS had done and is trying to do it in absence of a DMO. Liaising with landowners and assessing user evidence. PA: group documenting the remains of the mansion. • Yorkshire Dales Active Travel Conference – Active Travel England funding all national park to undertake Active Travel Studies. EY attended. LS to share presentations with members. 	EY EY DM EY/LS