

Agenda Item 13

Report by Richard Graham

Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park (LCCP) Access and Recreation Sub-Group

It is now twelve months since the formation of the Access and Recreation Task Group (TG) of the LCCP Task Team with the main responsibility to provide appropriate opportunities for recreation throughout the LCCP. Since inception the TG meetings have been regularly attended by the LAF members Richard Graham, Andy Savage, Chris Miller and Colin Smith. Others who regularly attend include Kate Percival, Senior Environment Officer of County Council, Dave Miller of Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Minty Willoughby a NFU/landowner representative, Tony Cox the Anderby Parish Council Chairman and cycling representative and Gillian Henshaw an equestrian representative. Efforts continue to achieve representation from the disabled community.

The TG has been concentrating on rights of way in the northern area of the LCCP, having drawn a map line between Huttoft and Anderby Creek. This is particularly in response to residents' comments at the LAF meeting held at Huttoft last year and the findings of the LCCP survey of rights of way which found some 50% were not easy to use. The TG recognises there is a lot of work to do particularly as regards involving landowners, Parish Councils and interested parties in any discussions. On a positive note, the TG has identified, via an independent consultant, rights of way suitable for diversion, extinguishing or creation in the northern area without any overall loss in access. At the last TG meeting the process started to examine in detail rights of way in the remainder of the LCCP area.

The TG continues to be proactive by looking at the forthcoming Coastal Access Path through the LCCP area. Liaison has been maintained with Natural England and the Coastal Access Delivery Team to co-work and avoid unnecessary duplication of routes. This has become more important as Natural England has published an estimated start time of 2015/16 for the coastal section between Skegness and Donna Nook. Finally, the TG has also been instrumental as part of the community consultation process in providing Sustrans and the County Council with suggested routes for the Lincolnshire Coastal Cycle Route.

Are there any questions?

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