

Agenda Item 4

Lincolnshire & Rutland Local Access Forums (LAFs)

Lost Ways Sub Group

Remit

For the approval of the Mid Lincolnshire and South Lincolnshire & Rutland LAFs

The Access Forums in line with its aims of protecting and enhancing the rights of way network intends to work towards the protection of all routes before the probable 2026 cut off date for claims based on historic evidence. In doing so we seek to assist and advise the Local Authorities and provide some co-ordination of the efforts of other organisations working to the same aim. To this end the Lost Ways sub group will work on this project, reporting back to the forums on a regular basis. We envisage that this group will co-opt people from outside the forum membership who are working on the same project.

Work will cover a number of issues—

- A) Assist the county councils to collect and combine all existing available records to establish the present situation.
- B) Identify other interested parties.
- C) Circulate reports to other interested parties as to the areas of work being pursued and progress being made to avoid duplication of efforts.
- D) Receive and pass on reports from other parties similarly employed.
- E) Identify routes in use but not presently protected, seeking their addition to the definitive map or adoption as highways
- F) Identify routes maintained at public expense and establish whether these are deemed to be 'protected' without further designation.
- G) Where routes are on gazetteers, list of streets or district handover maps but not maintainable at public expense, seek to get them given protected status
- H) Where there is an indication that a route may have had a higher status than at present, to seek historic evidence to support a claim.
- I) Where gaps occur in the existing rights of way network and the link has real benefit or strong potential benefit, seek historic evidence to enable a claim to be made.

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