Agenda Item 5

Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum – 26 April 2016

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

The Access and Recreation Task Group (TG) of the LCCP Task Team continues to meet on an approximate four monthly basis, within the LCCP area, with regular attendance by all interested parties. Unfortunately, to date, it has still not been possible to gain attendance from someone to represent disabled users.

After concentrating on the rights of way in the northern area of the LCCP, the TG, using the services of an independent Rights of Way consultant, have proposals for amended rights of way. (See agenda item 6 on today's agenda). The TG has studied in detail the applications and wholly supports their approval, believing they provide the best way forward for all rights of way users. We trust the LAF will do likewise with a possibility that the rights of way changes could be in effect before the end of 2016.

As regards the remaining area of the LCCP, again, rights of way have been identified that would provide the best opportunities for access for all rights of way users. However, as yet, this area is some way off the consultation stage as the necessary approaches to farmers/land owners have yet to be made and agreed. We hope again to be able to use the services of the same Rights of Way consultant.

The TG continues to be proactive by looking at the forthcoming Coastal Access Path through the LCCP area. Only this month members of the Countryside Access Team met with representatives of Natural England to discuss particular problem areas. It is anticipated that Natural England are at the stage of mapping the route that will pass through the LCCP area.

You may be aware of plans to introduce energy power both from Denmark and off shore wind turbines to come inland within the LCCP area. Suitable sites as yet do not appear to be completely agreed. Anderby Parish Council and the District Council are monitoring these proposals very carefully. We remain hopeful that disruption to the LCCP area will be kept at a minimum and should plans go forward some compensation could be forthcoming for both local communities and the LCCP infrastructure.

Any questions?

