

Agenda Item 12

COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL

22nd July 2015

Countrywide For All routes

Unfortunately Gordon Norris has resigned to enable him to have more time to focus on his stroke club. Gordon will be missed, as he has been the driving force on the Countryside For All sub group. So we need help from anyone on the LAF that feels they can assist Paul in auditing routes to enable us to create further routes in the Countryside For All format. We have obtained funding (£2845) from Phil Garner, the Public Health manager, for six of the original routes created by Lincolnshire County Council to be reprinted and a further four new routes to be printed. We need to ensure there are no changes on the six original routes as well as survey the four new routes. So there is a lot of work to do.

In Rutland we have requested funding through the bid for improving accessibility on two new routes, the artwork for route literature for two of the routes and printing costs for three routes.

Promoting Countryside For All using the slideshow

We have arranged a meeting with representatives of the Lincolnshire East Clinical Commissioning Group (LECCG) at Skegness 22nd July prior to the LAF meeting. This is so the LECCG can view the slideshow and ask questions. They are aiming to present it to their practice managers meeting 28th July. The comment from the secretary is "*I am sure they will be more than happy to have your presentation included on their TV screens.*" So let's keep our fingers crossed.

Choice Unlimited Event

Choice Unlimited is an event provided by Independent Living (LCiL) which is an organisation established by disabled people for disabled people, whose aim is to empower disabled people and to support them to live an independent lifestyle. The event is 19th August at Lincoln University. We aim to show the slideshow and give out Countryside For All packs. We have not got the times or details yet. Phil Garner has agreed to fund this (£100). We believe this will be a long day. As soon as we have the details I will email them out. It would be good if some of you could attend to give us a short break.

Audio walks for the visually impaired

We had discussions with Action for Blind People, RNIB, VISTA and the walk leader and a representative from the visually impaired group at Whisb,y to specify what was required. The RNIB have audio describers and agreed to price up the job for us. The extract from the RNIB email in relation to price can be found below:

"I've had some guide pricing for the audio description of the routes come through for you.

The price to produce the scripts and audio would be £2167 + vat per route. In addition to this we would need to look at some options for getting further information as the PDF's would probably not provide enough information and do enough justice to getting the points of interest from the route. Our suggestion is that we would go down and walk around each route with yourself or a park ranger

who would describe all of the interesting points to us and we would record this as the beginnings of the script, this part is not in these costs and this would be £400 per day plus travel and subsistence. The number of the days would obviously depend on how many routes we could fit into each day.

These prices are for the adult version of the script only. We would need some conference calls to develop the children script as what we have done in the past is maybe do the route in the character of a hedgehog for example.

Hope this is of some help, any questions please let me know. "

Needless to say the sub group will now be looking at other options.

Natural England's Interest

The sub group have a meeting 4th August where we will be discussing how we go forward on including Natural England on standardising symbols, the national responsibility to hold the symbols and a one stop web site encapsulating all Countryside For All routes across England.

Dementia Friendly Walks

All the dementia friendly walk leader training courses for Lincolnshire have been delivered. Approximately 50 delegates have been trained. A programme for the dementia friendly walks is now available throughout the County.

Funding for further walk leader training is in the bid (14 places for Lincolnshire and 10 places for Rutland). This is training for Alzheimer's Society volunteers to lead dementia friendly walks.

2016 Lincolnshire Wolds Walking festival

We have been given the opportunity to organise a Countryside For All walk for the 2016 Wolds Festival. We hope to do this at Willingham Woods, Market Rasen. We will be discussing this further at our meeting 4th August. If we do organise this walk, we will need your help to ensure the day goes smoothly. We will come back to you with more details at the next LAF meeting.

Accessible Toilet Information

The countryside for all route literature provides information on the location of accessible toilets. Some routes do not have these on site. It would be helpful if both county councils could provide a web page of links to businesses, such as pubs and restaurants who wish to promote their business and have accessible toilets available for the public.