

Leicestershire Local Access Forum Round Up

During 2017 LLAF elected a new chair John Howells, the forum currently meets 4 times a year, with a membership of 15 covering the majority of interested access groups together with landowners and a representative of the NFU.

In addition to the main meetings we have 3 active sub groups who work on the following areas

Planning and Travel Committee chaired by Roy Denney (Vice Chairman of the LLAF), this group has responded on behalf of LLAF on all the main consultations, local plans. And a development across the Leicestershire, to ensure our voice is heard loud and clear. This includes Network Rail and the issues with crossings that we have, as the rail network is updated and improved to accommodate additional usage. We also are trying to re-establish a dialogue with HS2
We have been actively involved in a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a £3.7 Landscape Partnership Scheme covering Charnwood Forest. It is likely we will be represented on the Board moving forward

Network Opportunities Committee chaired by John Law, this group has been championing the needs of people with limited abilities to ensure their voice is not lost when opportunities present themselves to improve access. Members supported an event at Leicester Tigers Stadium promoting countryside access for the disabled at the Choice Unlimited event. Work encouraging councils to be Dementia Friendly is also under way

Unrecorded Ways Committee chaired by Stan Warren, during the year this group has been very proactive meeting regularly, attending training sessions and hosting and delivering a presentation to like-minded groups to tap in to expertise in the areas of heritage and local history. We are working with several groups including Leicestershire and Rutland Ramblers, Leicestershire Footpaths Association and the British Horse Society to restore the record and protect the informal and unregistered network.