

Nottingham City Council

Nottingham Local Access Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting 9th October 2024, 6.30pm Loxley House, Station Street Nottingham

✓ Indicates in attendance

- Helen Hemstock (Chair)
- ✓ Liz Cordle (Vice Chair)
- ✓ Edmund Hopkins (Vice Chair, chaired this meeting)
- Paul Abel
- ✓ Laura Armitage
- ✓ Ian Bussey
- Cerys Gibson
- ✓ Nick Hynes
- ✓ Rob Kirkwood
- Christopher Lydall
- ✓ Dave Mackrory
- ✓ Hugh McClintock
- ✓ Nigel Sarsfield
- ✓ Chris Thompson
- Hillary Yates
- ✓ Dora Kostiuk
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86 Apologies Received

Cerys Gibson
Christopher Lydall
Helen Hemstock

Others in attendance

June Perry (observer)

87 Minutes of Meeting on 10th January 2024 (April and July meetings cancelled)

June asked about the Inclosure Walk leaflet and whether a better quality copy could be sourced and uploaded to the other Walks on [Local Access Forum - Nottingham City Council](#). Hugh asked whether Adrian Hill (Active Travel England) could be invited to a future meeting. Minutes approved.

Action: Post meeting update - The Inclosure walk has been uploaded. Adrian Hill / ATE has been invited.

88 Review of Chair, Vice Chairs and Subgroup Leads (expressions of interest)

At the January 2024 meeting, members were asked if they were interested in taking on the above roles, with voting to at the April meeting. No expressions of interest were received. Edmund and Liz agreed to continue as vice chairs.

Helen has had to reconsider her position as chair due to issues with attending evening LAF meetings at Loxley House. Discussion followed.

- Could the meetings be moved to daytime?
- Likely problems with trying to recruit to the chair's role.
- In the short term, could the vice chairs cover the chairs' role?
- Is there a job description available for the chairs role to help with recruitment.
- John to share the DEFRA guidance that covers LAF roles and responsibilities.
- Agreed to try a hybrid meeting in January (over Teams and face2face).

Following the meeting, Helen confirmed she will continue as chair and see how the hybrid meeting goes for members.

Action: John to share the DEFRA guidance and set up a hybrid meeting for January 8th.

89 Update on River Trent Pedestrian and Cycle bridge

Keith Morgan was not able to attend the meeting so provided a written update (copy attached to October draft minutes and agenda for 8th January).

Action: All, for noting.

90 Subgroup Updates and future Subgroup Leads

Subgroup Leads

- From January 2025, Edmund will resign as planning lead.
- Liz will continue as walking lead.
- Chris and Nick will continue with definitive map "claims".
- Chris and Nigel will continue with e-scooters / bikes (with the support of Helen).

a) Walking Subgroup

Liz provided the following update.

River Leen walk

The group has met over the last few months to walk the following sections; Bulwell to Wilkinson Street, Wilkinson Street to Lenton Gate, Lenton Gate to River Trent/ Wilford. Will now document these sections, including on Go Jauntly. Noted the following points.

- River Leen Greenway promotional leaflet produced a few years ago but no longer available.
- Fly tipping on Plantation Side encountered on walk has been reported to city council by Laura but with no response.
- Path no recorded on the Definitive Map so subgroup is looking at claiming this route as a PROW.

- A River Leen Biodiversity and Access Strategy was published more than 10 years ago – John to forward copy
- Ian noted opportunities for circular walks that incorporate the Leen

New Walk Notts Website

Laura advised that this new website covering walks in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire is expected to go live as a soft launch on 27th October – this will sign post both guided and self-guided walks. The website will include links to Green map, to Go Jauntly and to reporting issues (e.g. fly tipping).

Other walking updates

- Nigel leading the Bestwood walk on Sat 19th October.
- Dora raised concern regarding fly tipping on Hucknall Road linear walk.

Actions: advisory note added to the LAF walks website on how to report obstructions / other issues (from January 2024 meeting). Hugh to forward “Poppy & Pint” walks link to Laura to add to Active Partnership webpages (from October 2024 meeting). John to try and locate River Leen strategy and forward on (from October 2024 meeting).

Post meeting update - Weblink to the Councils online “report it” system below (local neighbourhood issues). Reports not using this system will not be actioned.

“If your e-mail is to report a specific operational or service request, please log it on the Report-it system [Report a problem in your neighbourhood – Nottingham City Council](#)”

b) Planning Subgroup

Edmund explained the subgroup has stopped scanning all planning applications as this is very time consuming and instead focuses on

- Large planning applications with rights of way / access implications (but there is no automatic way of identifying these specific applications with current resources).
- Influencing policy, current focus on the new Local Plan for Greater Nottingham.
- The East Midlands Combined County Authority will be consulting on the new Local Transport Plan next year.
- John also noted that the Local Planning Authority team are now more aware of PROW, including relevance to sustainable development, active travel and the need to protect / improve them.

Action: Post meeting update - Planning application webpage here [Planning Applications - Nottingham City Council](#).

c) Definitive Map Subgroup Update

No updates.

Action: Post meeting update - Meeting with definitive map subgroup held at Loxley House.

Local Rights of Way and Public Access, Issues and Problems (new item)

- Binks Yard, adjacent canal off The Great Northern Close (raised by Dave and Hugh). The route is not a recorded PROW and is closed during events at Binks Yard.

Provides an important cycle network link to NCN 6 and 15, and to Lenton. Because it's not a PROW / highway, the Council has limited influence on its closure.

- Application for modification order at Meadow Close / Quayside Close crossing canal footbridge. John summarised the background to the footbridge, when / why it was built, the landowner's proposal to close it and the application claiming the route as a public footpath.

Action: John to forward User Evidence Form and Map to members to complete if they use it or have used the "claimed" route historically.

E-scooter Subgroup Update

No updates. Agreed that this subgroup should continue to monitor e-scooter issues and the development of legislation.

Action: Post meeting update - Chris, Nigel, Helen and John met the Department for Transport / Micromobility, Traffic and Technology team, and an update will be provided at the 8th January meeting.

91 Items for future agendas

Includes suggestions carried over from previous meetings

- Broadmarsh
- Walking Strategy City and County
- North - South cycleway
- Active Travel / Social Prescribing Fund / Public Health
- Transforming Cities schemes
- Active Travel England (representative)
- Highway Code (John previously advised that the Councils Road Safety team are severely understaffed so it's unlikely that anyone from this team would be available to attend a LAF meeting).
- East Midlands Combined County Authority update
- Street design, see example Lambeth Council Kerbside Strategy

Action: For noting, and where relevant, individual members to contact / arrange guest speakers.

92 Any Other Business

- Dora asked for a definition of PROW
- Dora asked why the cycle route along Hucknall Road did not use the "linear walkway" along the disused rail corridor instead?
- (as above) Invite Keith Morgan / Transport Strategy to a future LAF meeting to discuss pre-scheme consultation and user data collected after cycling / walking improvement schemes completed
- Laura advised members on the Ramblers Path Accessibility Fund open until 1st November (tight deadline on this round but other rounds will be open in the future)
- Pavement Parking legislation?

Action: For noting by all, and actions for John for bullet points 1, 2, 3.

93 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8th January 2025, 6.30pm (hybrid MS Teams and face to face at Loxley House)

94 Future meeting dates 2025 / 26 (to be agreed on 8th January)