



FLAF01



FLINTSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

25th April 2023

Wepre Park

Present –, Nia Thomas, Julian Pellatt, Neville Howell, Huw Morgan, Jeff Shone, Ian Gibbons, Shirley Fermer, Councillor Dave Evans, Sarah Hampson, Marjorie Thompson, Huw Reece, Alan Neale, John Holiday.

Officers in Attendance - Tom Woodall, Derrick Charlton, Stuart Jones, Natalie Davies, Adrian Owen Hibbert, Suzanne Williams

Apologies – Alun Price (NRW), Jonny Hulson

1/ Welcome –

TW introduced himself and his role as Secretary to the Local Access Forum and as interim Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2/ Introductions –

Each member introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their background and interest in the forum.

3/ Setting the Scene –

TW introduced the agenda of the meeting and set the background and context to the establishment of this new Flintshire Local Access Forum.

He explained the Access Team would support the running and administration of the Forum. TW proposed that the Forum meet 4 times a year but there are opportunities for subgroups to meet more frequently. TW also recommended that the Forum meet at different locations in the county and offer opportunities to see projects and issues out on site. Members agreed.

4/ Induction Part 1 -

TW gave a presentation on the legislation and regulations associated with the forum and its business. He also introduced the Flintshire Local Access Forums Terms of Reference and gave a summary of access provision within the county of Flintshire.

Action - Members were given a copy of the terms of reference to consider and asked to forward any comments they may have in order to be accepted at next meeting.

5/ Induction Part 2 -



FLAF01



The Access Team gave a presentation detailing the Flintshire Access Team and its resources, the Definitive map, CAMs system, Rights of Way Improvement Plan, Annual delivery programme and Welsh Governments Access Improvement Grant. AH gave a picture overview of work to improve the network

Action - Access team are to send out link to member for ROWIP and policy and procedures.

Action – Access Team to consult the Forum on Consolidation of map.

6/ Potential future agenda items for the LAF to consider

Members discussed possible topics for the forum to consider:

National Park for North-East Wales
Behavior in the countryside
Overview of Footpath Inspectors improvement work
Planning - Large scale developments
Active travel
Joining up communities – Place making plans
Disability Access to the Countryside
Flintshire coastal park scoping study.
Old railway lines
Links with west Cheshire and Denbighshire.
Standing update on work to resolve issues on the network
Access to water

These will be discussed with the LAF Chair, when elected, and will form the forward work programme.

7/ Consideration for the role of LAF Chair

TW explained that the forum needed to vote in a Chair and Vice-chair, and this would be the first item of business at the next meeting.

TW briefly summarised the role and expectations of these positions and asked members to consider volunteering and to get in contact with him to discuss further.

8/ AOB and Date of next meeting

Action - Members asked that their details were shared with each other.

CAM's training/demonstration for members was requested

Action – SJ to arrange a session before the next LAF meeting

Members requested a map of all the different areas the team are responsible



FLAF01



Action – ND to send a map to members

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1.30pm.

The members took a walk around Wepre Park.

The next meetings due - 11th July 2023.
17th October 2023.
6th February 2024.