

Calderdale Local Access Forum

MONDAY 14th April 2025 - Teams meeting 6.15pm start

Apologies: Danielle Haslam, Moy Cash.

Present: Graham Hale, Julie Swift, Councillor Danielle Durrans, Mark Corrigan, Tim Brooks, Sally Parker, Councillor Scott Patient, Sarah Talbot, Brian Crossley, Antony de Heveningham, Ella K

1. Welcome and introductions

Sarah T was unable to Chair the meeting due to losing her voice, so Councillor Durrans chaired the meeting. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions followed.

2. Horse Close Pass Campaign

Presentation from Ella King about proposals to extend the cyclists close pass campaign to include horses. They have submitted a bid for funding for design and implementation from the Capability Fund (awaiting outcome). Need help identifying sites where signage would help make life safer for riders. Mark said that the BHS also have a close pass campaign and said they can pay for signage in Calderdale. They also have an app for reporting issues with cars which highlights the priority areas to target, He suggested a contact in the BHS, Ella thanked Mark but had already spoken to the person concerned. Brian said that he could think of 8 stables in the Shelf/Shibden/Northowram area, suggesting that Shelf is a good place to start. Sarah asked if Brian could share locations of yards with her? Mark has number of passport registered horses across Yorkshire if helpful? Email mark.corrigan@bhs.org.uk Ella suggested maybe forming a steering

group to take the project forward? If any LAF members would be interested, email ella.king@calderdale.gov.uk

Cllr. Durrans commented that spatial awareness is really important, and that the cycling awareness project was a good one to lots of people, not just cyclists and riders. Sally said that she spoke to Ian Turner about the Bradshaw area during Covid about the safety of riders and drivers of horse drawn vehicles but didn't get very far. She said that local riders use hat cam images to pass onto Police when they experience a dangerous encounter with a vehicle. Graham commented that the images were very good for the cycling campaign. He added that it worried him what to do if a horse was spooked. He said that education needs to be better for drivers. Cllr. Patient said that he thinks the cycling project has been a good one and hopes it can be rolled out to horses. Anthony added that the cycling campaign was effective apart from some aspects of the social media campaign which wasn't great.

If anyone wants to contribute to the campaign email ella.king@calderdale.gov.uk

3. Matter Arising from last meeting.

i. HX1 Back Lane, Ogden update.

Improvements needed are now with Pat to action.

Action: Pat

ii. HX 313 and HX 314 Shibden Valley footpath issues

No update. Brian asked Tim is there was a timeline for enforcement? Tim said he is unsure. **Action: Tim to chase up.**

iii. **Hx16 Coal Lane, Ogden**

Sally and Sarah T are gathering evidence to put in a claim.

Action: Leave on agenda for next meeting.

iv. **Ripponden 99 Heys Lane/Folly Lane**

Tim reported that a Section 56 notice has been received from a horse-riding group. They can now seek redress through the Magistrates Court. **Action: Tim to update when information available.**

v. **Elland 64 Carr Hall Lane update**

This is on capital projects list for this financial year. **Action: Leave on agenda.**

vi. **Quad bikes on Dark Lane, Southowram**

Still very quiet at the moment. **Action: Remove from agenda for now.**

Beacon Hill

On capital projects list for 25/26. **Action: Update next meeting.**

vii. **HX 311 Ringby Lane back of Leo Group, illegal gate across the Bridleway.**

Tim still not sure where the gates are, needs to resolve so this can go to Enforcement. Sally offered to check and report back to Tim. **Action: Sally to check site and report back to Tim.**

viii. **HX 302 Locked gates at Holmfield, bottom of the Howcans bridleway**

On-going issue. Obstruction keeps being removed and then comes back. Comment made that this has been going on for at least 23 years. Enforcement have dealt with this but needs raising again if locked again. **Action – LAF members to raise if problem in future. Leave on agenda to remind people to check.**

ix. Ripp 21 near Making Place Hall, Ripponden – land grab for garden.

This has now been reopened following Enforcement. **Action: Remove from agenda.**

All items below are pending information being available.

x. Permissive path at old station at Kebroyd

Resident blocking access to Greenway. No update.

xi. Acre Lane, Heptonstall

An order has been made to upgrade this route but following objections has been referred to PINS.

xii. Rights of Way Improvement Plan

No update. Details of potential consultants sent to Tim from Mark.

xiii. Hangingstones Lane

With Planning Inspectorate.

xiv. Elland 77 Dean House Lane, Stainland

No update. Sally commented that the bridleway wasn't safe for horse riders with huge wagons using it and no passing places. Horse riders and pedestrians should have priority on the track. Tim offered to check if appropriate signage was in place. Mark asked if it was possible to create passing places? **Action: Tim to check route and report back.**

4. DMMO application update

Not much movement since last meeting. Acre Lane, Hangingstones and Common Wood are priority to sort.

5. Updates from members

Sarah T – Southowram bridleway issues mentioned in chat from Danielle. ‘I have an issue to report. A landowner has challenged a walker using a well-used walked, cycled and ridden route. They are talking about erecting a gate and locking it. Brighthouse 030 is to the right of the route. The route passes overbank cottage shown in the middle above. On another note, I thought Brighthouse 030 was already a bridleway...it appears to have changed to a footpath with an upgrade request on it’.

Action: Sarah to email details to Julie to forward on to Tim.





Proposed footpath diversions

Nothing to report.

6. Any other business

Wheelchair access at Ogden Water

Graham reported that access at Ogden for wheelchair users and pushchairs deteriorating to the stage where the main path around the reservoir is now impassable. Julie told the group that Moy is looking into this and is planning to have a meeting with Chris Sutcliffe who is the site manager when he returns from leave. Cllr Durrans said that having no wheelchair access was not a good situation especially given

the Changing Places toilet now being on the site. **Action: Moy to report back at next meeting.**

Greave House Fields bridleway

Sarah T said that Greave House Fields near Kershaw Estate is up for sale. [Land at Greave House Fields, Luddenden, Halifax - Charnock Bates](#)

online details mention possible housing and need to move bridleway.

Tim said that the land is down for housing in the Local Plan, but nothing has been submitted yet. **Action: Add to agenda for June meeting.**

Planning Application in Shelf

Brian talked about the Planning Application that was circulated by Julie ref numbers 23/01039 and 25/00255 affecting Shelf 151.152 and 153.

The application is talking about access for walkers and cyclists on a route which is only a footpath. He wondered if they were considering an upgrade to a bridleway. If so, what happens when the route leaves their land? Mark said he has submitted objections. Tim shared a plan of the site showing how Section 106 money would be used to improve paths. Tim suggested LAF members submit comments either as LAF members, as representatives as community groups or as individuals, all valid to comment.

Kissing gate at Walshaw Dean

Mentioned by Graham in chat currently tied up and inaccessible,
Graham said that he will ask June from HBDAF to email details to Tim.
Part of Pennine Way.

7. Date of next meeting – Monday 9th June 2025

Please note contacts for reporting issues on Rights of Way

General Rights of Way enquiries: Rightsofway@calderdale.gov.uk

Enforcement issues: community-safety@calderdale.gov.uk