

Yorkshire Dales Access Forum – 14 June 2022

Review of nominated LAF members on Advisory Groups linked to the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum

Purpose of the report

The purpose of this report is to:

- (a) remind members of the advisory groups that the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum (YDAF) contributes towards, through a representative(s) of the YDAF attending meetings, and
- (b) seek representative(s) from the YDAF on these groups for the current year.

Background

There are several different types of meeting where the YDAF are asked to provide a representative. These can be:

- Meetings looking at a specific project or idea,
- Meetings looking at specific recreation activities with user groups,
- Meetings with other organisations eg the Highway Authorities.

From time to time, other groups and meetings also require members from the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum. A full list of YDAF representatives on each group can be seen in the **Appendix**.

At the meeting of the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum on 22 May 2007¹ a paper was discussed on the formation of Advisory Groups. The remit of these groups is to:

- exchange information, and provide a formal mechanism for communication and raising issues of concern on specific areas of interest;
- advise on the management of specific matters.

There are currently seven Advisory Groups:

- Access on Foot Advisory Group e.g. open access, footpaths.
- Bridleway and Restricted Byway Advisory Group e.g. bridleways, restricted byways.
- Air Sports Advisory Group e.g. paragliding, hang gliding.
- Water Sports Advisory Group e.g. canoeing, sailing.

¹ <http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/lookingafter/caringfor/managingaccess/ydaf/ydlaf-meetings/ydlaf-archive/ydlaf-may2007>

- Cave and Crag Access Advisory Group e.g. caving, climbing.
- Access for All Advisory Group e.g. access for people with limited mobilities.
- Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Advisory Group (recreational motor vehicular use of green lanes, up to four members appointed from YDAF).

Who should represent the YDAF?

The Annual General meeting of the YDAF gives members of the forum the opportunity to revisit who sits on each group and decide whether representation should be changed in any way. This is to take into account new members of the Forum, together with any vacancies that may have occurred due to members resigning from the Forum.

Ideally, where more than one member is required on a group, YDAF membership to the groups should be balanced. That is to say, if there are three vacancies for members, one should be a user, one a landowner/manager and another to represent those with other interests - as far as practical. This ideal situation may not always occur as members are volunteers and cannot always commit time in this way. The reality is that the YDAF may wish to consider appointing a representative based on their ability and willingness to attend a meeting rather than the particular interest they represent.

Vacancies during the year

The list of groups and membership is brought to the Forum once a year at the first meeting of the year. If any vacancies arise during the year, these will be considered in the Chair/Officers report as appropriate.

Action for the Forum

The Forum is asked to nominate and agree a representative(s) for membership of each of the groups listed in the **Appendix**.

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Appendix

Forum Members Attendance at Other Groups and Meetings

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHO CURRENTLY?	REPRESENTING ?	NUMBER OF SPACES
Access on Foot Advisory Group	Twice a year			2
Access for All Advisory Group	Once a year	Debbie North	Other interests	2
Bridleways and Restricted Byways Advisory Group	Once a year (evenings)	Alex Law	Landowners	2
Air Sports Advisory Group	When an issue arises	All members to be informed when an issue arises.		
Water Sports Advisory Group	When an issue arises			
Cave and Crag Access Advisory Group	Once a year	Jon Beavan	Other Interests	2
Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Advisory Group	Once a year	Jon Beavan Malcolm Petyt	Other Interests Users	
Yorkshire and Humber Regional LAF	Twice a year	Chair or Vice Chair attends and minutes reported back to the YDAF.		
Other meetings that require attendance	All members to be informed when a member of the YDAF is asked to attend other meetings of interest.			