



## Minutes of Ride the Peak meeting November 2009

Item	Discussion Points	Actions
<b>1. Blacka Moor</b>	<p>Si attended the meeting with the advisory group, invited by Sheffield Wildlife Trust with regards bridleways upgrade. Some frustrations with the proposed spec which is 2m. Debate about how we can influence the outcome.</p> <p>Si.B suggested getting some pro trail builders involved. Bruce suggested using existing examples where Sheffield CC have reduced the spec to 1.5m (Revelin Valley and North America). Mike.R will find out who we need to influence to inform the debate at SCC. All agreed that if we were to use pro trail builders it would be best done on a site where we are on board at the start.</p>	<b>Si and Mike.R to work together on trying to influence SCC on the spec that would then help SCC.</b>

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<p><b>2. Trail Building Projects</b></p>	<p>The team have done a fab job rebuilding the bridleways at Greenlands which is now complete. Video on monkeyspoon website. Martyn offered to set up a Sunday work day for December.</p> <p>MS has also had an offer of stone from blue circle that we can use when ever we want. Also agreed to do a similar set of summer evening work parties in 2010, building on the success of this year.</p>	<p><b>MS to send out date for workday.</b></p> <p><b>All to let MS know about ideas for maintenance work in the winter or email Jon text and photos which we can put on the website as suggestions</b></p>
<p><b>3. Challenge Events</b></p>	<p>Mike has written to Severn Trent Water to follow up from the meeting that Shane and James had with them, offering solutions to their concerns over maintenance, cost and health and safety. No response yet (6 weeks).</p> <p>Agreed that if no response is had we should take it higher up in STW and NPA. There was a suggestion that Sue may be better placed to pick up the issues with STW on the ground as Mike has past history with them which may be affecting the response!</p>	<p><b>Mike to discuss with Sue and also forward letter up with organisational managers of STW and NPA.</b></p>
<p><b>4. IMBA Conference</b></p>	<p>Bruce went and fed back to the group. One of the key debates was the development of 4Wheel drive friendly trails which may have potential in the Peaks.</p> <p>Data from usage at Whinlatter (Lakes) shows 20,000 riders a month, with the Blue (easy route) trail the most popular.</p>	

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<p><b>5. East – West Route / City Links</b></p>	<p>Si, Si and Jon have been looking at the Sheffield side for potential link routes. Very limited options due to ground conditions and ownership restrictions. Bamford moor has potential and a new route has been found (from Cut-Throat bridge)</p> <p>Issues with the landowner who may well block the idea but the team will approach him none the less. Real potential with Eastern Moors area but this has not been looked at yet (see note below)</p>	
<p><b>6. Wider Link routes</b></p>	<p>Jon has ridden some of them and then discussed the issues with Mike.R. Most have significant issues that would need resolving to make them work. Burbage valley was discussed and the balance between opening the route up officially or just continuing to use it illegally.</p> <p>Bonsall – potential to lobby for an up-grade. MR explained there was a massive backlog of orders with Derbyshire CC and this would be in the long queue. Agreed we do still need to lobby DCC</p>	
<p><b>7. Eastern Moors</b></p>	<p>Mike.I updated the group on this developing partnership between NT and RSPB and NPA, which could well result in opening up of access to tracks for MTB users and also creating bridleways. A stakeholder group will be set up in the New Year which we need to make sure we have someone on.</p>	<p><b>Mike to update group as the project progresses.</b></p>
<p><b>8. Strines - Upper Derwent</b></p>	<p>There has been an aspiration to link up Dukes Road and create new sections of bridleway to link up the two areas. A recent track upgrade may offer an opportunity to open up this debate. MR has met with SCC to discuss and they are considering the next move, which will likely be contact and debate with the landowners in the area.</p>	

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<b>9. Matlock – Buxton Sports Lottery Funding</b>	£1.2m has been awarded to NPA to open up the monsal trail (inc the tunnels) NPA have appointed an officer to take this forward. General support for the project and it was felt we should be on the steering group to help input into the network discussions which will hopefully link to the new trail.	<b>Jon to email Mike a draft letter for comment and then send it to the NPA.</b>
<b>10. North Western Gateway</b>	Bruce raised the issue of potential developments at Dovestones. There group we should focus our efforts on a few bespoke projects rather than spreading across the whole area. BW to let Tricycles know about the project.	
<b>11. Discussed/ active quarries</b>	Mike.I suggested that maybe we are missing a trick over trying to find suitable land for trail building and give the amount of quarries in the park we may have better luck here both in terms of funding and access. Godyards in Stoney Middleton was suggested. Agreed to be the focus of discussions at the next meeting	<b>All to give some thought to where might be suitable and find out any details about ownership</b>

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 2nd june  
7.30pm  
Rising Sun