

NOTES FOR MANAGEMENT MEETING ON 24 JANUARY 2018

A meeting of the working group took place on 10 January 2018.

The terms of reference agreed for the TSS heritage working group

1. ***To create and maintain a register of heritage assets to be added to and amended from time to time as the group agree.***

The register includes NCC listed sites, NCC archaeological sites, NCC parks and gardens, NCC non-designated sites (locally listed), Teversal Conservation area, Teversal pastures SSSI and mining plans. It was produced 3 years ago when the heritage report was prepared for the forum. (these 2015 lists have already been sent to members of the working group and any amendments to them will be forwarded)

Lynn will contact NCC and ADC for current lists and the register will be updated and amended - and in future this will be done annually

Contacted NCC and awaiting updates

Contacted ADC re locally listed sites - updates arrived 24.01.18

Locally listed (non-designated) sites - criteria for local heritage asset designation and nomination form sent to working group

Photographs (old and current) to accompany non-designated (local) listings – partially completed sent to working group

* Anomaly: Quaker house at Skegby is on local list but is actually grade 2 listed - ADC informed and is looking into it.

2. ***To monitor the condition of heritage assets and suggest interventions if it's considered necessary.***

As many of the heritage assets are also people's homes the monitoring of these could be difficult. It was decided that if concerns were voiced from members of the public relating to the condition of heritage assets then the group would take action

3. ***To support and advise the Planning and Environment group on planning applications affecting heritage assets.***

This was considered to be the heritage working group's most important role.

*Lis raised the question of how the mechanics of this would work as there is no clear structure in place.

Other matters discussed at the working group meeting:

Designated local wildlife sites These include the trails system showing areas of calcareous grassland, wildlife habitats and ancient woodlands including Dowdale (Dovedale), Norwood, Healds Wood, Dawgates Wood.

These can be identified from the map accompanying the Ashfield Local Plan 2002 – sent to members [*Sites of importance for nature conservation p125, list of ancient woodland sites p129*].

Silverhill Woods and Brierley Forest Park – the group agreed that as former colliery sites they could be attractive as fracking sites - and need protection for the heritage they represent and also as wildlife habitats.

Skegby/Skegby Bottoms Conservation area – This was considered beyond the scope of the TSS neighbourhood forum but the working group would support this action if it was proposed by ADC.

Nottinghamshire minerals local plan – sent to members of working group

Sherwood community woodlands local plan This has relevance to Silverhill Woods – sent to members of working group

Light pollution Sharon raised the issue of light pollution which may have an impact on the character of the areas and she agreed to look at this issue. The group were undecided whether this should be a heritage or environment issue but thought it was worthy of noting so that it was not overlooked. The ‘**Dark skies**’ CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) believes that darkness at night is one of the key characteristics of rural areas and it represents a major difference between what is rural and what is urban. Local councils develop policies to control light pollution in their local plans and identify existing dark areas that need protecting.

Tree preservation orders Anne raised an issue relating to tree preservation orders and has agreed to approach ADC to obtain a list of ‘Tree Preservation Orders’ within TSS area together with their location/grid reference.

To access ADC ‘open data’ such as Tree Preservation Orders’ an end user agreement is required. Lynn contacted ADC and a meeting has been arranged.

Meeting at 2.00pm at ADC with Gillian Bradley - re access to mapping data. (QGIS app)

Hedgerows Lynn has since found some relevant legislation – sent to members of working group

Footpaths It was agreed that footpaths - both official and unofficial – should be monitored as these were part of our heritage. Jane will look at this issue. Lynn will liaise with Jane and seek out old maps to determine where old footpaths were and whether they are still in use.

***Work in progress – we have online access to the NCC non-definitive map but were informed that we should see the definitive map at NCC offices in Nottingham**

WhatsApp - Sharon suggested setting up a ‘heritage group’ communication using WhatsApp so that members can quickly share information.

Logo of TSS neighbourhood forum – – sent to members of working group

- Agenda and topics for discussion
- Outcome / decision of group discussion
- Actions and progress since working group meeting