

**South West 'Outdoors for All'? Group
Action points from meeting held on 21 July 2010 at 'Living Options' Devon.**

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Actions

1. Trampers & Countryside mobility

James Maben is the newly appointed project officer for the above two year project to improve access to the countryside. The project is funded through Natural England's 'Access to Nature' grant scheme.

James gave a presentation about the project and the 30 sites/partners to date. More information can be found at www.countysidemobility.org

Both James and David Rolls praised the work of 'Living Options', Devon, finding their diversity proofing expertise and knowledge highly valuable to their work.

Action All;- Send James suggestions of sites and partners where he could expand the project

2. DEFRA 'Outdoors for All?' update

Helen MacVicker (Natural England national 'OfA' lead) sent her apologies. The planned meeting with DEFRA to update the plan and provide us with a refreshed lead had been postponed. Partners had been asked to submit updated information prior to the meeting but unfortunately one had been unable to fulfil this requirement.

Action Helen;- Helen will inform us when a new date is fixed and hopes to attend our next meeting to present the findings.

3. MENE (Monitoring Engagement in the Natural Environment) & segmentation exercise update.

The report was completed on 16 July but no information from it can be released until its scheduled publication on 6 Sept due to the statistics act.

Providing it is published before the next meeting Martin will give his planned presentations on MENE and the segmentation project then.

Action:- Agenda item for next meeting

4. SW 'Outdoors for All?' Plan

The plan is now available to view on regional pages of Natural England's website at :-

http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/regions/south_west/ourwork/default.aspx

We agreed one main action to take forward from the plan;- Jo Lewis agreed to coordinate a working group to set up a joint regional 'Outdoors for All?' and 'Access to Nature' conference. Other group members include Dave Dixon, Orlando Rutter & David Rolls.

We will review the plan again at our next meeting when we should have a clearer lead from DEFRA

Action Jo;- Jo to set up conference group meeting – funding is available via Helen MacVicker if applied for quickly

Action All:- Review regional 'OfA' plan at next meeting assuming we have update from DEFRA .

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Outdoors for all Funding

There is a small pot of money available from Helen MacVicker for 'Outdoors for All?' projects; £500 for local delivery and up to £2000 to support national delivery. Mark Owen had an idea to gather user groups to help produce standard guidance for users along sections of the SW coast. The aim is to create confidence in user groups to use areas for the first time.

Action Mark Owen;- Mark offered to flesh out proposals and will let Dot know if a funding bid is required.

Note for Mark – Helen MacVicker suggested you contact NE's lead on access & recreation, Andrew Mackintosh on 0300 060 1887. He has been doing work on access audit toolkits

5.2 Access to Nature Grants

Group requested that Jo let group know of successful grant bids so we can feed into them.

Action Jo – to keep group updated.

5.3 Great Outdoors: How our natural health service uses green space to improve well being.

This is a new action report produced by Facility of Public Health. Can be downloaded from www.fph.org.uk

5.4 Interactive Cycling Map on Protected Landscape Areas in SW

Dave Dixon is working on the above, targeting young people, women & families

Action All;- Please contact Dave if you know of any user groups that he can work with and/or e-mail him if you would like to take part

5.5 DNPA is about to launch their Recreational access strategy featuring disabled & young users.

6. Next meeting will be held on Thursday 4 Nov 2010.

Venue to be finalised

Jo Lewis to chair

7. Proposed agenda items for next meeting:-

DEFRA 'Outdoors for All'? update – Helen MacVicker

MENE & segmentation update – Martin Gorringer

South West 'Outdoors for All'? Plan – review in light of DEFRA update - All

Regional event/conference progress – Jo & co

Health - General Practitioner connections – Mark Bridges

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