

## Outdoors for All?

### Action Points from Meeting held on 2 Dec at Renslade House, Exeter.

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## **Actions**

### **1 . Development of South West Visitor Questionnaire**

Wendy Brewin tabled the recommendations from the workshop held on 21-10-09 (attached for ref). Funding would be required to get a university on board to carry forward the recommendations for the SW. We still require initial information from the MENE project before we can take this forward and so decided to hold this action until MENE can provide this.

**Action Martin:- e-mail MEME questions to Dot to forward to group.**

### **2. MENE (Monitoring Engagement in the Natural Environment) update.**

Martin G updated group on project. Findings from the MENE report are still being held up due to the new statistical data act. It is now planned to be launched in August 2010

The project has however found funding to award a contract to The Futures Company to produce a report, 'Understanding what people want from the natural environment by using customer segmentation'. The Company should be reporting back around 31 March.

**Action Martin:- e-mail specification to Dot to circulate to group**

### **3.MOSIAC Project**

David Rolls gave a lively presentation on the MOSIAC project running on Exmoor & Dartmoor National Parks. A copy of the Young Champions progress report is attached for interest.

**Action David:- To send info on April MOSIAC event to Dot to circulate to all. Possibly link our next 'O for A' meeting to am or pm of event**

### **4.Review of SW 'Outdoors for All?' Plan**

Our achievements to date include setting up the regional group, establishing a terms of reference, agreeing a first draft of the SW Diversity Action Plan and developing a series of maps that people can request to show demographics in AONBs, NP and LA areas.

**Action:-Simon offered to work on the SW Diversity Action Plan. He will send around a list of actions to date, a proposed list of actions for 2010 and suggest ways to monitor our effectiveness.**

**Action:- All to feed back to Simon and discuss/agree actions at next meeting.**

**Action:- Dot to update our Terms of Reference for all to discuss/agree at next meeting. Talk to David Dixon ref training event for 'outdoors for all?'**

### **5.Feedback from the first England wide 'Outdoors for All?' Meeting of Natural England staff**

Dot reported back on the meeting chaired by Helen MacVicker, our recently appointed national project lead. The focus was to meet regional leads, find out more about local progress and plan for 2010. The South West 'Outdoors for All

Group?' is pioneering in this area thanks largely to Jo Lewis's early work in gathering such a positive group of people.

National policy team is currently defining policy around diversity, access to the natural environment and creation & quality of urban green spaces. Position statements are due out in the new year on:- Engaging people with the natural environment; Active citizenship; Diversity & equality guidelines; and Access.

A shared outcomes agreement has been signed with ENPAA and a reporting structure is being agreed with DEFRA for our diversity agenda. The main outcome this year is establishing good relationships with key partners at national & local levels.

Helen MacVicker is currently drawing up a plan for the regions to prioritise work to demographic hot spots of urban/rural deprivation. Dot will report back on this at the next meeting.

## **6. Any Other Business**

**6.1.** Sue Powner tabled the recently produced 'Access Guide for Upton Heath', in Dorset.

**Action All:-** to feed comments back to Sue by early new year please

**6.2.** Wendy Brewin will be unable to attend future meetings due to financial and staff time restraints. Wendy would still like to receive copies of actions and is still able to provide advice etc on behalf of the Sensory Trust's work. Wendy was thanked for her enthusiastic, positive and very active contribution to the group.

## **7. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 April 2010.**

Location to be announced. David Rolls is investigating linking our next meeting with a MOSIAC event he is planning.

Orlando Rutter has offered to chair

## **8. Proposed agenda items to date include:-**

Presentation by James Mayden on the Blackdown Project (Dot to invite)

Re-visit the SW 'Outdoors for All?' Plan to agree next series of actions

Update on MENE by Martin or Dave

MOSIAC update

Natural England priorities for diversity work in 2010

## **9. Attachments**

8.1 Recommendations from SW questionnaire workshop held on 21-10-09

8.2 MOSIAC – Young Champions Progress Report

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