

NEW FOREST ACCESS FORUM

Meeting: *Monday 3 December 2018*

Agenda item 3: *Chair's Report*

1. New Forest Freshwater and River Restoration Strategy

A second meeting took place on 18th October to further discuss a strategy for the New Forest. The Forestry Commission, Natural England and the Environment Agency are very involved. The event was facilitated by staff of the University of Southampton.

The original document has been subject to intense debate and scrutiny nationally. Local views have been considered.

Participants were, on the day, randomly assigned to working groups. All looked at the same topics. Revision of the principles underpinning the strategy was the main item.

The aim is to provide a strategy which will result in favourable conditions in the SSSI to attain conservation targets.

The work is ongoing.

2. England Coast Path in the New Forest

A sub group meeting took place on 18th September. Unfortunately only Gordon and I were able to attend. We found it a useful meeting.

The discussion concentrated on the route east from Calshot.

There are few contentious issues on this section.

John Truswell is submitting a written report and if necessary I will expand on our meeting when we consider John's report.

*Ruth Croker
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