

NEW FOREST ACCESS FORUM

Meeting: *Monday 11 March 2019*

Agenda item 5: *Additional Reports*

Wiltshire and Swindon Countryside Access Forum 06/12/19

1. Change in Strategy.

The Forum meetings will in future move around the county. This meeting was held in Swindon.

The aim is to:

Discuss matters of interest to the location.

Reduce updates and have more time for participation.

Give a steer to the Councils.

The changes are likely to necessitate more "homework" by members.

2. CAF Annual Plan 2019.

The following points were discussed:

The main reason for visiting the countryside is for health and exercise.

Access land is not always accessible and improvement is needed.

There is a need to look at where new developments are taking place and consider if there is opportunity for improvement to rights of way or for new access. Local Development Plans need to be influenced, including where S106 money is being spent

As the population increases the need for access and recreation opportunities increase.

3. Concern about the Maintenance of Rights of Way.

A review about what is being done is desirable. Policies, recommendations and guidance could be useful.

Improvements to the network and coherence/connectivity are required.

4. Review of Protected Landscapes. (AONB 's and National Parks).

Aspirations are being looked at.

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