

Chairman's Report. 02 September 2019

1. Impacts of Recreation Workshop.

A workshop took place 27.06.19 to consider the impacts of housing development on recreation in the New Forest. It was conducted by Footprint Ecology. Possibilities for mitigation were considered.

2. New Forest Freshwater and Wetland Restoration Forum.

This newly constituted forum met on 28th June under the chairmanship of Dr David Watson. Site visits took place to semi-natural and degrading sites.

3. Recreation Management Advisory Group 02.07.19.

The Steering Group met in May and have given recommendations to the NPA. The Advisory Group were made aware of possible ways forward. A LPO is envisaged to control the planning process. This could give landowners permission to make changes up to a certain threshold without planning permission. As yet this has not been agreed.

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