

## **Green Lane User Group Meeting**

**Wednesday 28 June 2017**

In Attendance – Alan Hardinge (DOI)/ Shaun Gelling (DEFA)/ Kath Keyes (BHS) /Walter Gilbey (MHC)/ Julian Wood (ACU)/ David Gooberman (MMBC)/ Jade Foster (DED)/ Richard Crane (4WD)

Apologies – Graeme Watson (DEFA) / Julie Colquitt (DED) / David Leiserach (MFCG)

### **Track Reports**

Castlelake Road - JW stated that he was impressed with the condition of the track following recent works. Item now closed.

Spooyt Vane - Gate needs attention, AH to contact landowner to see if gate can be removed if not, he will organise its repair or replacement.

Ballacuberagh - Positive comments about the recent work. Item now closed.

East Mt Gate - JW confirmed recent works on the bottom end (scraping of track) down to the old road was a real improvement, along with cross drains being opened up. SG & JW to action a volunteer work party to undertake further maintenance including post driving. SG stated the wire on the boardwalk was dangerous and needs removing, and if replacement material similar to that at Kionslieu could be used. AH to action. WG asked if this area was suitable for horses, it was agreed it's not.

Snaefell Mines Road - SG confirmed still issues with barriers.

Glen Mona - A number of culverts known to be blocked on the north side and could do with clearing. Excavator, banksman required. Work still required.

Donkey Track - JW confirmed that a site meeting between AH, JW and landowner had taken place recently. It was agreed to undertake work in phases with the first phase to check/improve drainage at the bottom end and then start to clear / open up the bottom section. Agreement was also reached with the landowner reference fencing and gates. JW & AH to keep the landowner up to date on phasing of works.

Sound Road, Glen Maye - A neighbourly dispute between local landowners appears to have spilt over and is affecting the long standing access across Dalby Mountain. SG confirmed that obstruction on track needs removing. RC agreed the obstruction needs removing in order to re-open the track ASAP. AH to action.

Old Douglas Road - AH confirmed work still required and is being treated as a priority as and when resources become available.

Slieau Whallian - SG commented that this track is in a poor condition, barbed wire lying round etc. due to the landowner's general untidy approach. AH to have the track inspected.

## **Proposed Work**

Dowse – AH to arrange to meet RC on-site to look at initially improving the drainage prior to undertaking any work on the track itself. AH to action.

## **Proposed Management Plan**

Maps - SG asked if the maps are ready? JW stated that he believed some minor amendments still required and would liaise with Rob Clynes (RC). JF stated that DED are looking at minimum quantities such as 500 at the Welcome Centre.

Signs - DL had provided some documentation prior to the meeting for consideration. RC stated that he believed the problem areas still need to be highlighted and document what we are trying to achieve. RC to action. JF asked about whether any consideration was being given to signage erected by MNH in relation to the Countryside. RC, JF and MNH to meet and discuss this item further.

Volunteer Wardens/Adopt a Track – JW confirmed a local trail bike guiding company had changed hands and the new proprietor was well respected.

JF advised that DED undertake group familiarisation for groups visiting the Island. RC stated that he had been contacted recently by someone in Scotland wishing to bring a 4WD group to the Island, however he was concerned that these groups do not have a guide that's familiar with the Island, which he believes is essential.

## **Winter Closures**

This would be discussed and any required action taken at the next meeting.

## **Illegal Riding/Access**

SG confirmed that two or three wardens were out during the TT period some off road activity at Cronk Breck and Greeba Mt plantation. DEFA had placed additional signage this year at locations such as, Glen Mona making it clear No Access; however this still doesn't always deter riders.

## **AOB**

JW confirmed that leaflets and maps had been circulated ahead of TT to Road & Track and other companies.

AH confirmed that some improvement works will be undertaken between Crosby and Peel on the Heritage trail, to improve wet areas and look at making the gates more horse / user friendly. KK stated that she had walked a section recently and counted approximately seventeen gates. JF confirmed she is speaking to Braddan Commissioners and others reference signage improvement, in order to highlight areas of interest along the heritage trail.

It was agreed to consider a press release to advise the public what the group has achieved to date and what its intentions are, this will form part of the winter closures public notice.

Also discussed was to invite the Highways Minister to obtain his views and support moving forward.

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Date for Next Meeting – **Wednesday 20 September 2017** in West 1 First Floor Sea Terminal

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