Second ROWIP Workshop for Service Providers
Friday 7th April 2006 10am- 3pm
Agriculture House, Barrack Lane, Truro, TR1 2DR

Present: Adam Simmons- National Trust, Donald Martin- Carrick, Rachael Young CCC, Hugh Tyler- Stewardship, Al Collins- CCC, Rachel Glanville CCC.
Minutes: Debbie Burrell

Apologies:

Introduction to the slide show:

Scope (slide) - The progress made is the change in name which has been planned from ROWIP to Cornwall Countryside Access Strategy- approved the name change, it made it obvious on what its about and can evolve, it broadens the scope of individual plans building up to a strategy.

The Peoples Panel is set up (picked by invitation) also focus groups including Users, Land Managers and Disabled People. All groups have input on the groups of actions put together to create a structure.

Need to point out how the strategies will work and how they will be carried out. Also to highlight what the highways are doing with series of actions.

Sort by priority:
- Legal Under Pinning
- Funding

Actions are made internally form Heritage, Environment, Access and Highways, all of which include input from senior managers. It is sensible for these workshops to take place as we can revise the documents.

Partnership (slide) - The usage from the Peoples Panel include data from report: which can be controversial as it can over state i.e. 90% do most activities- this can be an answer which may not be the actual truth but would like to believe they do the activities. However it has attracted comparisons with numbers excluding visitors.
The results can be biased due to the ages which respond back i.e. elderly

There were 5 sections in total in which we had one for the first time. We have been criticised for the use of words and questions 'Do you agree with' they could be seen as leading the public but wasn't intentional.

Rachael explained how they monitor there sites, for instance electronic counters and questionnaires which gives useful feedback. It is a vital aspect. However would like to see the evidence of the document such as for Camel Trail.

Asked about the Local Access Forum- one person believed it would damage our creditability however we need this relevant piece of information. In Caradon, countryside is a key area.

The responses about the beach- you have to go onto a coast path in order to get on the beach, in which 100% will.
Also the same principle applies for Kissing gates; you need to go over them a get to a South West Coast Path.

Busy areas need budgets- economic funding would be a good idea as well as the quiet areas will nee publishing.

The coast Path team are funding and putting in a bid for National Trails.
- Community values for both areas

Open Green Spaces (CROW) need to be monitored.

Recreational space and green corridor which the council have been given. Recommend health activities- would be a good investment.

Coast Path Team funding and put in a bid for National Trails

Need to concentrate on the quiet areas and publicise. Both areas have community values, For example; Open green spaces (CROW) need to monitor them.

Recreational space/green corridors have been given to the council. Health activities are recommended, need to invest in these.

Vision and Relationships (slide) - Asked whether there was anything wrong with the diagram being shown?
- Shows aspirations
- Applies to a vision – Join them together better management
- We need to be aware of how useful it is now and in a few months time because by then other organisations/bodies will step in. i.e. DEFRA.
- Biodiversity is missing from diagram also Access opportunities
- To add better integrated management and promotion

Idea on a website being created to show stewardship

Assets, Issues and Agendas (slide) – look at issues and agenda's which was shown on the 'y' axis of the table. Marked out of 0-3. Asked if it is a useful table?
- Includes 4 scales. One of the titles is commercial land management which is an agenda, could be seen as negative.
- Permission is made by commitment; the word relationship needs to be rephrased
- The wording should be changed to Heritage features or Historic feature.

Restormel have gone commercial whereas countryside is by contract – commercial fashion

World heritage site was marked '2' however the group disagreed should be '3', however there was misunderstanding the 2 meant 20% which is justified.

Themes, Actions and Strategies (slide) - The table consists of a 3 tier structure with 12 themes. In each theme there are a couple of topics.
- Reflect all different interests i.e. health through exercise. Look at reasons and Rights Of Way. May be a good idea to have 3 to 4 manageable themes

Each theme consists of:
- mission statement
- issues
- how to address it

Asked how the 12 themes were chosen? Looked at the improvement plans, tourist economy (what is significant to Cornwall) and through general guidance. The group suggested to 'stagger' the strategy

Do you think you have the breadth of Access? Yes – away from user groups & look at larger less people.

In the Report that was handed out, it was suggested for the tables to be bigger (can't read) and the key on the same page, the size of paper could be A3.

For North Woods Topic 7 page 33, the actions need to be bold and big lettering, the 3rd one down is mainly the county this also needs to be done for. Sea Valley.

However it was highlighted not to REMOVE THE ACTIONS as they are an important part of the report. The formatting of the report needs to be re-considered, names are needed for the photo's also it would be useful to put where they are (exact location) and get a varied amount across cross the country.

More spaces are needed 2 either side of the table for separation. Future objectives for each activity are very clear. It shows guiding principle and engages the objectivities. Needs to have emphasis of the corridor project even though it is land management matter.

Work voluntary, to apply restrictions such as field with sheep and motorcycles using them, it was said that someone made a comment about losing accreditation by losing Access rights – land management.

Promoting with different organisations which needs to have more emphasis on such as the strategy with the Green corridors objectives which will benefit access greatly. Other paths are challenging which we will be able to heritage.

Asked whether it is to a fine detail? Monitoring should be a specific action, asked about circular walks production side which is all in the report as well as promotion and walks. We are trying to get a website with all of the information as mentioned earlier on. Also to supply TIC's with extra computers to print leaflets when people are there asking for them, it is also cost effective. This would allow people to do an activity and come out with ideas.
- Circular walks – health agenda
- Things for the future – action

A problem with technology, it will change in 15 years time also not everyone has internet access. It has to be reviewed at least every 10 years and modified. Progress – feedback on annual basis.

Produce a certain number of leaflets as hard copies – attract funding for TIC. Tourists/Public would be able to ask for an area and would be able to look on the TIC computer or CD's.
- Libraries, key leaflets for guided walks.
- Produce CD copies at a price.
The problem with leaflets is that they go out of date.

If anyone from the group could find anything else to add to email Peter Duthie.

Council tax goes up. Don't see all parishes; persuade them to do things with our help.

Sustainable transport – people will use cars – car parks encourage it, should be for one purpose i.e. walks.
- Signs to say:- "only park if you are walking"
- 3 out of 4 who do country walks encourage them to use buses etc, which can be impossible. i.e. horses
- Car parks at key locations only near towns etc…

Need to look at sustainable public transport. Bus trailer cycle to work and catch a bus if raining for instance with bike at the back. Have to insist the bus drivers to let you also trains only have room for 2, each section (Supply and demand).

Main Roads: St Austell – Bodmin – Truro (no country lanes). Need to deal with reality, visitors use cars to travel here and explore. Charge economically- limit car parks and access. For example; £1 an hour, people are put off if it is too expensive which results in them parking on Side Street. The money doesn't go to the main asset to what they are seeing. Bus service, other routes and cycle routes could be incorporated.

This information is a key proposal, needs to go in a report or a document and then put on agendas- meetings for discussion.

Need information panels. Planners should be invited to these workshops. County Councils now are good at improving on access.

(section 106) Planning – the scope for money developers need to contribute i.e. tax
-   affordable housing
Any development should apply to S106. Update areas that are run down. Biodiversity issues other comment on the planning – whole districts and developments (Best Practise).

-   General space – seek funds
-   Increase that amount – each player is integrated - needs to be increased, goes to facilities in areas i.e. youth and children's play.

Planning to do diversions and TPO's go through state payments and they don't come back and give an answer.

Deliverability issues (slide) - Over Commitment on capital lottery funding projects, need to under promise and over provide and be realistic for ones you can deliver and meet the target because priorities change.

Don't have to name areas – funding avenue
1. co-operation from European basis
2. Convergent this is 1/3 bigger than 1st project. It's more environmental i.e. opportunities to increase trails.
LAA – Cornwall community strategy link and sharpen grant opportunities

Green lanes are an action and issues about specific speed limits.

Does the main body of the draft document suit service provider partner aspirations? -
Introduction:
How much coast path & Rights Of Way bring into the county economics.

- On the map, Page 7, it talks about SALTASH but it isn't shown on the map also Camelford page 6, spelling Cornwall spelt wrong. Population: distances – facts and figures – bullet points (catchy). Get rid of Kilometre and put miles instead. Landscape- West Devon not North Devon across the Tamar.
Any figures on ADAS
-   Changed in the last 2/3 weeks
-   to show commitment numbers/figures

- Mention World Heritage is it in the introduction? And statements of what is being said

- All wording should be in future tense, Include the words 'Town and Parish Councils' throughout document. Examples of other provisions i.e. National Trust.

- Page 13 County Council plan (TOP) – what is it? Peter has changed it, because it is only the county council involved.

- ODPM – not just public paths i.e. local area agreements (LAA)

- Add 'local' to the word 'plans' i.e. **Local plan** (ALDEF)

- Access provision and permissive agreements, each of them need more mention – forestry commission. Mounting boarding is also a key issue especially in Bodmin. Transport: new company for trains; "First Great National" company. Change the order of route. Growth of festivals such as the European fund – specific culture. Under section 3, it should all be under

culture. The multi use routes and Cornish Way should be interlinked as it is the Cornish way (whole network) this includes off road	
- Expand on <u>users</u> with arrange of activities and <u>motivations.</u> Create spiritual benefits from the countryside access. - Provision – National Trust needs a mention as they part of the top three landowners, amongst others; NAR's. - Websites addresses needs all websites on i.e. stewardship schemes and more access, maps, organisations, developers (The Cornish Access Map). This would leave us opportunities to sell the access map and may be a good idea to pay for copyright which creates a database and copyright will creates revenue over the ownership. We need to include examples of success stories (case studies) from different regions which will break it up. If any one has examples please share them as it will increase confidence for our services. - May be a good idea to take specific Web addresses out (as they change), instead create a list of appendix/organisations/departments etc… - Specific references – combine issues – mention POLICE helping making us all work together (Devon and Cornwall & Yorkshire police) - Good idea to show when dogs are allowed to go on beaches as they change each year	
Prioritising Actions (slide) - Where to go form here? Three ideas on how to set it out; -Priority -Non-priority -indicate priorities Get an idea on aspiration and whether it's achievable. Look at a spatial approach to highs and lows, need to spread it to each parish. Make it a priority for maintenance funding etc. Feel involved integrate land by wider approach between 6 fair districts.	
Where does CCAS go next (slide) - Talk to councils panel, it would be a good idea for each district to "See a draft". Glossary could be included. Pg 86 Scheme including access. English Nature needs to be mentioned	
Any Other Issues - Document suggests partnership is the way to go SWCP team to meet more than once a year to be created and pass comments around. Action to be prioritised in time meeting involves around that theme - structure	