

[CALLAF meeting in Keswick 5 October 2017 - Informal report](#)

Members met (on a lovely day) at The Friends' Meeting House in Keswick, to hear David Robinson, of LDNPA, outline ideas and plans for Access and Recreation Projects in the Lake District. A scoring system, adapted after Storm Desmond, has been developed to assess the feasibility, constraints, support and cost for each project. The LDNPA is working towards a better connected network of bridleways, footpaths and cycle ways, and is also working on a Health and Well Being Strategy. Various cycleway schemes were discussed.

From the LDNPA Powter Howe car park on the west side of Bassenthwaite, members assessed the improvements proposed in order to create a Round Bassenthwaite Cycleway, from a sustainable transport (including cycling, buses and boats) hub in Keswick. A lower route, avoiding steep gradients, is planned through Powter Howe Wood, to the A66 underpass. It is hoped that a fund from Highways England can be used for improvements, of removing encroaching vegetation, drainage and provision of mounting blocks either side of the underpass. The bridleway near the A66 will be surfaced by Highways England.

Among the agenda items in the afternoon's formal meeting, members reported on footpath issues relating to the closure of level crossings, and planned Public Inquiries due to objections to Diversion Orders. An aspiration was expressed to look at using sections of dismantled railways for access. Two members reported modest progress on digitally mapping temporary fencing associated with woodland schemes on Open Access Land. It is disappointing that there is no requirement to record or remove such fences. Disappointment was expressed that plans for a car park at Cat Bells had been rejected. LAF members felt that, while applauding LDNPA aims for sustainable development, a temporary car park is needed now. Concern over use of Unclassified County Roads by 4 x 4 vehicles was discussed further. It is vital to conduct a full survey of use and condition before taking any action. Members thanked the organisers for a very useful meeting, comfortable meeting room, and excellent catering.

