



Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Simon Pickering (Chair)	Welsh Government – Head of Landscape & Outdoor Recreation
Jont Bulbeck	Natural Resources Wales
Eifion Jones (BBNPA)	Representing the 3 National Park Authorities and 5 AONBs
Adrian Walls	Welsh Rights of Way Managers Working Group
Ben Sears	Welsh Local Government Association

Technical and secretarial support:

Name	Organisation
Helen Lewis	Welsh Government - Landscape & Outdoor Recreation
Sarah Smith	Welsh Government - Landscape & Outdoor Recreation
Joe Roberts	Natural Resources Wales
Jayne Carter	Natural Resources Wales

Key decisions and actions arising	Owner
<p>Notes and actions from previous meeting (27/08/2020)</p> <p>1. The previous minutes were agreed following the below amendment: <i>7. NRW have engaged Dafydd Thomas (The Wellbeing Planner) to facilitate the next round of ExG meetings.</i></p> <p>The webpage will be amended accordingly.</p> <p>2. Points 2 & 10 NRW legal questions Both WG and NRW have received legal information from their respective legal advisors. NRW will consider the advice in undertaking the analysis work and will reflect this where appropriate. It was recognised that the legal questions may need to be explored further.</p>	WG

<p>3. Point 5: The Responses Report will be submitted to WG alongside the Analysis Report. They will be published on the WG website.</p>	<p>NRW/WG</p>
<p>Update from September Expert Group workshops</p> <p>4. Expert Group members had received copies of the draft Analysis Reports prior to the workshops. A series of questions and statements were provided for each option with members asked to consider and rank them. Statements with less consensus or wide variation were explored further through discussion. Members were not necessarily expected to agree to the options, but to consider the most important points to be incorporated.</p> <p>5. The Steering Group noted it would be helpful to read all the reports from the workshops in order to aid background understanding.</p>	<p>NRW</p>
<p>Draft Analysis Report</p> <p>6. A Copy Editor has been contracted. Executive summaries for each of the reports will be developed. All reports are due to be completed by the end of November.</p>	
<p>Cross-cutting Themes Report</p> <p>7. The cross-cutting themes have been divided into 4 chapters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible recreation • Equity, inclusion and accessibility • Local Access Forums • Commercial activity <p>Each chapter will comprise an introduction, general analysis, key issues and considerations for changes. No set recommendations will be provided however the Steering Group noted it was particularly worthwhile to explore responsible recreation, which has emerged as a strong theme throughout the process.</p>	<p>NRW</p>
<p>WG Update</p> <p>8. A recent realignment of Ministerial responsibilities has resulted in Landscape and Outdoor Recreation Branch (LOR) moving to the Minister for Environment, Energy & Rural Affairs. It is not anticipated that this change will affect the ARAG programme.</p> <p>9. LOR have recently met with agriculture colleagues working on the future scheme and Active Travel colleagues and have updated them on the progress of the ARAG programme.</p>	

Next Steps 10. Option selection will take place during January 2021. 11. The final recommendations report is likely to summarise the pros and cons for each option, unless some options are fully ruled out. The Steering Group agreed it did not want options ruled out if 1 sector disagreed and it was important for all sectors' views to be incorporated into the final report.	