

Timber Freight Quality Partnership (FQP)

14 October 2014

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Jeremy Walker	FQP Chair
Steve Dresser	Euroforest
Jon Bates	Forestry Commission
Crispin Thorn	Forestry Commission
Brian Nugent	UPM Tilhill
Thomas Coates	Egger
Barrie Mason	North Yorkshire County Council

Apologies:

Ian Austerhulme	UPM Tilhill
Roland Stiven	GB Timber Transport Forum
Hazel Newman	Egger

1.0 Introductions and apologies

Attendees and apologies as above.

2.0 Review of previous meeting notes and actions

Minutes from last meeting and actions were agreed.

3.0 Update from Edinburgh Timber Transport Forum meeting

CT updated on GB Forum meeting:

- Meeting with Robert Goodwill useful to update him on timber transport issues. Mentioned upcoming highway maintenance funding consultation, and opportunity for Timber FQP to raise issues.
- It was noted that additional funding could potentially benefit timber routes.
- Updates to website planned so any changes need to be flagged up.
- Group support for Andrew Bainbridge's outline of bid proposal.

4.0 Timber routes map updates

Update for 2015 to go ahead as usual. All changes to be reported to NYCC in order for the map to be updated.

BM advised of the NYCC 2020 North Yorkshire review of minimum standards.

It was agreed that NYCC would send the Production number circular which goes to industry and partners.

5.0 Increased liaison and profile with small woodland owner/managers

CT has written to relevant woodland officers to make smaller operators aware of FQP and routes map. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

CT will look at ways to use felling licence application raise awareness of FQP and routes map.

6.0 Current updates and issues in North Yorkshire

Raisedale issue - JW to take this up with North York Moors National Park contractor, Darren Wilson.

Bumble Wood due to complete end October/early November, BN and JB both noted that there has been little impact on the road.

SD noted that the issue with Rievaulx was now OK

7.0 AOB

CT gave a very useful presentation on Roots to Growth.

Date of next meeting – Proposed for March 2015