

CUMBRIA TIMBER TRANSPORT GROUP

5 September 2012 – Parkhouse Building, Carlisle

ACTION

1 Apologies and Introductions

1.1 In attendance:

Richard Scott, BSW (Chair)
Andrew Harper, CCC
Euan Stainthorp, CCC
Cameron Smith, Sheffield & Co
Mark Hartnett, Euroforest
James England, South of Scotland TTO
Roland Stiven, Timber Transport Forum Project Officer
George Hay, UPM Tilhill

1.2 Apologies:

John Miller, John Miller Associates
Stephen Swailes, Iggesund Paperboard
George Bruce, George Bruce Associates
Douglas Howieson, Forestry Commission
Mark Herbertson, Forestry Commission
Andy Bennett, Forestry Commission
Matthew Wilson, Egger
Jane Karthaus, Confor

2 Minutes of last meeting held 23 May 2012

2.1 The minutes were agreed. Actions are addressed under main agenda items.

3 Agreed Route Map

3.1 Several changes have been made to the Agreed Routes Maps as follows:

3.2 Greystoke to Johnby – Formerly a consultation route but Cameron had requested it be considered for change to agreed status. This was agreed with the Area Highways Manager (Rob Lawley) and Local Council Member (Bert Richardson) and status has now been changed to ‘agreed’.

3.3 Parkhead, Caldbeck – there have been discussions between CCC and Forestry Commission over use of this route and a meeting was subsequently held with Doug Howieson (FC), Andrew Harrison (CCC), Richard Scott and Andrew Harper. Agreed that we would produce a management plan and that CTI would be used. The route has been changed to ‘consultation’.

- 3.4 Cotehill – the agreed route goes through a road which has been stopped up due to subsidence. A diversionary route was agreed which will be changed to ‘agreed’ on the maps.

**A Harper /
E Stainthorpe**

4 Operational Issues and Work Programmes

4.1 Cowgill (inc Management Plan)

This issue was initially raised by a haulier (Metcalf Bros) wishing to use the restricted route to the South of Cowgill plantation. Following a meeting with the Parish Council a management plan was agreed to allow the use of this route. Since then a member of the public has been in touch alleging continued road damage along the length of the route. A meeting has been arranged on site for 17th Sept to look at site and discuss options. George Hay explained that UPM Tilhill have a voluntary Code of Conduct for a similar route in North Yorkshire and suggested this approach might be helpful. There is also some flexibility within the felling plan which could allow operations to be condensed.

4.2 Parkhead, Caldbeck (inc Management Plan) to B5299

This route represents a sole access to the forest gate. Some highway damage has been observed which triggered contact between CCC and Forestry Commission. A meeting has been held between Doug Howieson, Andrew Harrison, Richard Scott and Andrew Harper to discuss options. A draft Timber Transport Management Plan has been produced detailing the requirement for CCC to be informed of planned extraction, use of CTI, seasonal variation and possible video surveying. This is to be finalised and circulated.

**A Harper /
R Scott**

4.3 A596

Several Parish Councils in settlements along the A596 have contacted the leader of the Council to suggest that timber should be directed onto the A595. AH has been asked to look into this and provide the Leader with a briefing note. To inform this, a survey is being carried out of hauliers going to Iggusund to establish which route they choose and why.

One possibility would be the production of a voluntary code of conduct – a similar approach is used effectively with quarries in the area.

4.4 BSW Sawmill Access update

Several approaches from public have been received about the use of CNDR for access to BSW. Richard confirmed that there are plans to modify the site entrance and once complete this will mean that CNDR can be used for all site access.

5. North Yorkshire Agreed Routes Maps Update

- 5.1 Following the ARM consultation and feedback received North Yorkshire have decided to change their colour coding to match the standard. The change however will be delayed until a definitive decision is made on the national ARM colours.
- 5.2 A meeting is being held in October to discuss changes resulting from the consultation, after which the maps will be finalised.

6. North East Timber Transport Group

- 6.1 Draft maps have now been produced and these are to be circulated around the Highways Managers for comments.
- 6.2 Andrew and James will look at the maps to identify any boundary issues.
- 6.3 Andrew has offered to provide advice and support as needed to the Northumberland County Council Officers who are new to the group.

**A Harper / J
England**

7. Update from the Timber Transport Forum

7.1 GB Agreed Routes Map Website

The proposed national ARM website is expected to cost around £10k to set up. £6k has been secured from the STTF with a further £2k from FC. The English groups have been approached for a £500 contribution each.

Update: Andrew has secured £500 from Cumbria County Council for the contribution from the Cumbria group.

9. Date and Time of next meeting

- 9.1 The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th January at 9.30am at The Parkhouse Building, Carlisle.