

CUMBRIA TIMBER TRANSPORT GROUP

14 March 2013 – Parkhouse Building, Carlisle

ACTION

1 Apologies and Introductions

1.1 In attendance:

Richard Scott, BSW (Chair)
Andrew Harper, CCC
Euan Stainthorp, CCC
James England, South of Scotland TTO
Mark Herbertson, Forestry Commission
David Woodhouse, Forestry Commission
Jonathan Smith, CCC
Roland Stiven, Timber Transport Forum Project Officer
Stephen Swailes, Iggesund Paperboard
James Holliday, Edwin Thompson
John Hunter, John Miller Associates
Simon Place, UPM Tillhill
Cameron Smith, Sheffield & Co
Andy Bennett, Forestry Commission

1.2 Apologies:

John Miller, John Miller Associates
George Bruce, George Bruce Associates
Douglas Howieson, Forestry Commission
Jane Karthaus, Confor
Mark Hartnett, Euroforest

2 Minutes of last meeting held 05 September 2012

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

3 Agreed Route Map

3.1 No changes have been made since the last meeting.

3.2 Stephen Swailes requested a temporary upgrading of the excluded route passing Hallburn Farm near Longtown to allow the destocking of timber over the next 12 months.

If granted a one-way system will be put in place along with other management measures to be agreed with local council.

Action: Andrew will contact the parish council and Highways Manager and advise Stephen of the outcome.

A Harper

4 Operational Issues and Work Programmes

4.1 Cowgill – Coal Road

- Temporary works have been carried out, with positive feedback from local residents.
- The Area Highways Team will assess the need for permanent works when weather permits.
- It was agreed that the CTTG could facilitate discussions regarding future extractions and mitigation measures. However matters of road repairs will be lead by the Area Highways Team.

4.2 Dent to Cowgill Road

- Recent report of timber vehicles using the severely restricted route, including one seen in Dent Village.
- It is likely that these vehicles are operating out of Hobsons Farm, Richard to contact Mike Jackson to discuss.

R Scott

4.3 A596/A595 Issues

- The matter of timber vehicles on the A596 is becoming increasingly high profile, with concern voiced by parish councils, local press and elected members.
- Jonathan Smith, Area Highways Manager for Allerdale has visited local parish council meetings and provided a report to Local Committee.
- Concerns relate predominantly to the volume of roundwood movements and speed/driver behaviour.
- Jonathan, Andrew and Stephen Swailes have met to discuss how we can work together to respond to these concerns. Andrew to arrange another meeting between CCC and Iggesund to discuss possible options.

A Harper

4.4 Mirehouse Estate

- This concerns a permanent road closure and the location of a gate and sign which was prohibiting vehicle movements out of a forest entry point.
- Jonathan Smith reported that the sign and gate are being moved as requested.

4.5 BSW Access

- Work is continuing at BSW to look into the possibility of modified site access.
- Richard will update the group as appropriate.

4.6 Kershop Forest to Roadhead

- This request came from Bewcastle Parish Council, asking that we consider a one-way system meaning loaded wagons would avoid Blackpool Gate.
- Forestry Commission, Iggesund and Tillhill are the main users. It was confirmed that the majority would travel west and would use the road through Bailey as requested.
- Timber travelling East would still be best going through Blackpool Gate to avoid a significant increase in local timber miles.
- Andrew to write to parish council explaining the practical issues and confirming that FC, Iggesund and Tillhill will work together to minimise disruption to the community

A Harper

5. North Yorkshire Agreed Routes Maps Update

5.1 NY maps are now online at the following address:

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/timbermap>

6. North East Timber Transport Group

6.1 Draft maps have now been produced and these have been circulated around the Highways Managers for comments.

6.2 Whilst there has been some delay the group is still striving to move the process forward.

7. Update from the Timber Transport Forum

7.1 Roland provided an update, a written version of which is attached.

9. Date and Time of next meeting

9.1 The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th June at 9.30am at The Parkhouse Building, Carlisle.