

## Paths For Communities Workshop

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### **P4C website and Documentation**

Fiona went through the process of where to look for general guidance and the application process using links to the NE Website. The guidance notes were explored showing how they comprehensively covered eligibility issues. The eligibility criteria were discussed and questions answered regarding eligibility issues relating to specific projects that audience members were thinking of submitting.

### **Where We Are Now**

Phil fed back to the meeting the state of play regarding the scheme as of 20<sup>th</sup> February;

122 valid Expressions of Interest received.

28 EOIs rejected due to being ineligible ( main reasons being the project was urban based or was not creating a new permanent ROW).

59 Withdrawn EOI (main reason unable to secure landowner consent for permanent ROW).

10 full applications received

3 rejected

7 approved.

Wide geographical spread across the regions.

Projects ranged from creation of a multi user route through a Local Nature Reserve to the creation of a bridleway linking into the Trans Pennine Trail.

If all EOIs were progressed to the full application stage and all approved the full £2m would be spent.

Applications will be accepted up until Dec 2013.

## **LAF Involvement**

Helpful for LAFs to be able to supply a letter to applicants showing their support for the project after an applicant had presented and explained their project to a LAF at a regular forum.

LAFs could work up projects themselves if they formed a “friends of “ group that had a constitution and bank account.

LAFs could be an active partner in a scheme where another organisation is the applicant.

Many projects do originate from individuals who sit on the LAF representing a particular user group such as the British Horse Society.

Project scoring was explained showing the scores available to a project if it received LAF support and what it would lose if it failed to consult with the LAF and get its support.

## **Question Session.**

Fiona, Phil and Martin answered various questions from the floor regarding eligibility related to potential projects.