

LAF National Conference 2013

Advance information to those who have expressed information to representatives expressing an interest in the **Urban JLAF's workshop**.

As essentially an *urban* area dealing with five different Local Authorities the issues we would like to use the workshop to explore lie in the following areas.

- Relating to five different Local Authorities all undergoing major changes and structured in different ways.
- Relating to Natural England.
- Increasing and widening our membership.
- Future challenges and opportunities.

We would like to know are these the areas you would like to explore in the workshop, and are there others which as urban JLAFS we should be considering.

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Or if there's a difficulty via our administrator

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Back ground information

Facilitators

Tyne and Wear JLAF Dave Turnbull - Chair, Victor Cadaxa - Vice Chair, Tony Skinner - Chair Membership group, Regional administrator - Beryl Bird.

JLAF profile

Tyne and Wear JLAF covers five separate Local Authorities North and South Tyneside, Gateshead, Newcastle and Sunderland with a combined population of over one million.

In April 2011 there was some 457 miles of footpath, 181 miles bridleways, with 40 miles of redacted byway, and 1447 miles of cycle network. Oh and 0.5 miles of Byway open to all traffic. In addition to this significant lengths of local access network are available on council owned land / dedicated routes and through parks with unrestricted access. Formally recording these networks on the definitive map is an identified priority under the current Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP). There are only a couple of very small bits of open access land within our area but we do have some 40 miles of coast.

The ROWIP covers all five local authorities and was brought together as part of a Local Transport Plan by an integrated transport team based in Newcastle. The delivery of the ROWIP is down to each of the five separate authorities with their own Rights of Way Officers, maintenance teams and planning departments / teams. Each authority also produces their own plans for cycle strategies / green planning / local neighbourhoods etc., all of which have an effect on access issues.