

ACTION PLAN							
THEME 1a : Managing and promoting landscape and settlement character, including geodiversity, biodiversity, cultural and industrial heritage features							
Topic	Action	2015	2016	2017	Med-long term (before or by 2017)	Lead	
1.1 Landscape and settlement character	Maintaining/developing policy harmonisation across the Charnwood Forest Regional Park area to support the “vision statement”.	x	x	x	Policies jointly adjusted as required.	NWLDC, H&BBC, CBC, LCC and Parish/Town Councils.	
1.2 Geodiversity/ Biodiversity	Supporting the planning and implementation of projects which maintain and enhance geodiversity and biodiversity.	x	x	x	Aim to Resurvey 20 grassland Local Wildlife Sites per year.	Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust’s (LRWT) with the support of other voluntary sector groups.	
1.3	Supporting the Implementation of the National Forest 2014-2024 Strategy on “Forest management: a systematic long-term approach”.	x	x		Support the development and publicity of linked training courses/ seminars etc.	National Forest Company (NFCo) in conjunction with a range of stakeholders including local authorities, landowners, land managers and the voluntary sector.	
1.4	Consider a Geopark and Local Nature Improvement Area designation.			x	Subject to resource, take decision whether or not it is worthwhile pursuing one or both of these designations.	TBC – Consider the Charnia Research Group supported by other voluntary sector groups e.g. the LRWT “Geology and RIGS” sub-committee.	.

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THEME 1b : Managing and promoting landscape and settlement character, including geodiversity, biodiversity, cultural and industrial heritage features							
Topic	Action	2015	2016	2017	Med-long term (before or by 2017)	Lead	
1.5 Culture and industrial heritage	Working with the Stakeholder Group members to support the development and running of education and community engagement programmes to increase/improve the appreciation, enhancement and management of the area's culture and heritage.	x	x	x	<p>Maintain the current programme of Stakeholder meetings and newsletters.</p> <p>Both individually and collectively, stakeholders look for opportunities to assist the development of voluntary groups through signposting to or developing training/education opportunities, providing letters of support for grant applications etc.</p>	<p>The LCC in terms of organising the Stakeholder meetings and newsletters.</p> <p>Charnwood Roots for areas relevant to their skillset.</p> <p>Stepping Stones Project for skills training.</p> <p>Other Steering Group members as and when opportunities arise.</p>	

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Theme 2 : Promoting sustainable leisure and tourism (to both a wider audience and also a local one)						
Topic (Wider audience)	Action	2015	2016	2017	Med-long term (Before or by 2017)	Lead
2.1 Transport	Helping to shape a shared identity and agreed working approach within the context of the NFCo tourist development policies and plans.	x	x	x	Identity of Charnwood Forest is enhanced and a multi-stranded approach to publicising Charnwood Forest attractions are developed and implemented.	All district councils, Leics Promotions, Leicestershire Tourism Partnership, NFCo, managers of visitor hubs.
2.2	Helping to shape the leisure/tourism offer by mapping current facilities and opportunities and identifying gaps in it.	x	x	x	Initial mapping exercise is complete and a strategy developed to help fill in the gaps.	All district councils, Leics Promotions, NFCo, private landowners.
2.3	In conjunction with others promote and develop sustainable transport opportunities.		x	x	Build on the opportunities offered by current or proposed bus routes to encourage visitors.	Private sector, Leicestershire Promotions Great Central Railway and others.
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THEME 3 : Supporting agricultural diversification and woodland and rural economy uses which respect local character						
Topic	Action	2015	2016	2017	Med-long term	Lead
3.1 New Natural England agricultural funding scheme	Influencing its direction to benefit Charnwood Forest.		x	x	Opportunities for Charnwood Forest to receive funding are maximised.	NFCo, Individual landowners, Local authorities.
3.2 National Forest Woodland management approach	Supporting the Implementation of the National Forest 2014-2024 Strategy on “Forest management: a systematic long-term approach”.	x	x		Support the development and publicity of linked training courses/ seminars etc.	NFCo

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THEME 4 : GOVERNANCE – STEERING GROUP/STAKEHOLDER GROUP SUPPORT							
Topic	Action	2015	2016	2017	Med-long term	Lead	
4.1 Steering Group	Min 3 meetings per annum.	X	x	x	Maintaining regular meetings schedule.	LCC	
4.2	Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.	x			March 2015	n/a	
4.3	Review effectiveness against Action Plan delivery.	X	X	X	Annual review	Steering Group perhaps supported by the Landscape Partnership Board.	
4.4 Stakeholder Group	Arrange annual meetings, prepare group mailings, review stakeholder database.	x	x	x	Stakeholder group membership is maintained or increased. Members are kept abreast of changes and opportunities.	LCC	
4.5 Landscape Partnership Board (LPB)	Maintaining support for this group and using it where appropriate as a task and finish group.	x	x	x	Support provided as and when necessary. Steering group requests it to examine particular tasks on its behalf.	TBC – lead to be drawn from steering group members, dependant on the task identified.	