

Cabinet

Report Title:	Suffolk Local Access Forum Annual Report 2019/20
Meeting Date:	13 October 2020
Lead Councillor(s):	Councillor Andrew Reid, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs
Local Councillor(s):	All Councillors
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Brief summary of report

- Local Access Forums were established by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. Each forum reports to a relevant appointing authority. The relevant appointing authority for the Suffolk Local Access Forum (SLAF) is Suffolk County Council. Local Access Forums are independent bodies made up of volunteer members and their role is to advise the Council on matters relating to rights of way and countryside access. They are also statutory consultees to a range of government departments and other organisations. Under the Local Access Forum (England) Regulations 2007 (part 13), it is a requirement for forums to submit an Annual Report to their appointing authority. This will be the seventeenth Annual Report presented by the Suffolk Local Access Forum to Suffolk County Council and it provides a summary of the forum's activities between August 2019 and July 2020.

What is Cabinet being asked to decide?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Cabinet is asked to accept the Suffolk Local Access Forum Annual Report 2019/20 and address the report's recommendations and state the actions that the Council is taking to address those recommendations. |
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Reason for recommendation

- Under the Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2007, each forum is required to submit an annual report on rights of way and access matters to their appointing authority, and for that authority to publish their report. The Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs guidance states: "We would expect the authority to respond positively to the forum's annual report and to say what actions they have taken on the advice and recommendations of the forum."

What are the key issues to consider?

4. The key issues raised by the Suffolk Local Access Forum 2019/20 report are as follows:

a) **Suffolk Green Access Strategy 2020-2030:**

The forum welcomed the publication of Suffolk's second Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) titled 'Suffolk Green Access Strategy 2020-2030'. The forum fully supports the aims and objectives of the strategy and the relevance it has to enabling communities to access their local area via public rights of way. However, the forum has concerns that underfunding green access will have a detrimental effect on local communities. The forum stresses that the green access network offers a cost-effective means of developing healthy and sustainable communities and has a significant impact on the tourism economy. The forum would like to see funding levels for green access to reflect the increasing importance of walking and cycling in the national agenda.

Response: The Council thanks the forum for their role in developing the Suffolk Green Access Strategy and recognises the importance of green access, and specifically the public rights of way network, in enabling communities to access the countryside as well as travel in more sustainable modes. The Council also acknowledges the role green access plays in people's health and wellbeing and the impact it has on the tourism economy and support green access projects where practical.

b) **The Agricultural Bill and Environmental Land Management Scheme:**

The forum views this as the most important legislation for farming for many years and an opportunity to improve countryside access under the principle of 'public money for public goods'. The forum believes it is possible for the Environmental Land Management Scheme to deliver public enjoyment alongside food production and enhanced wildlife, and has lobbied local MPs and Lord Gardiner to include improved access in new agri-environment schemes, receiving replies from Lord Gardiner and James Cartledge MP in March and April 2020.

Response: The Council welcomes the forum's approach to the Agricultural Bill and proposed Environmental Land Management Scheme and supports their proactive approach to central government and local MPs.

c) **Sizewell C:**

The forum is concerned over the disruption the development of Sizewell C will have on the green access network. The forum expects Sizewell C to effectively manage green access during the construction phase and to provide a legacy of an improved green access network post construction.

Response: The county council thanks the forum for its support at each stage of the consultation process and assures the forum that it is committed to protecting green access during the construction phase and ensuring a green access legacy is delivered post-construction.

d) **England Coast Path:**

The forum's coast path working group met in February 2020 to consider the published reports for three of the five sections of coast path in Suffolk and made their comments to Natural England. The forum is concerned at the lack of

progress subsequently, Covid-19 notwithstanding, and the move of staff within Natural England that might further delay progress.

Response: The county council acknowledges the slowing of progress and will continue to work with Natural England to support them in delivering a new coast path that the county council can be proud of.

How will this impact on the Council's ambitions for carbon reduction?

5. The Suffolk Local Access Forum's recommendations focus on developing the green access network. This is at the core of encouraging more sustainable forms of travel which is integral to reducing carbon emissions and Suffolk achieving carbon neutrality by 2030.

What are the resource and risk implications?

6. The Suffolk Local Access Forum recognises that these are unique times and that there will be severe budget pressures in all areas of the Council's work.
7. The forum believes that public rights of way and green access can deliver efficient, cost-effective solutions to securing healthy and sustainable communities and to supporting the county's tourism economy, where issues have been heightened by the Covid-19 pandemic.
8. The forum asks the Council to support green access initiatives as an innovative solution to encouraging more sustainable travel options and healthy, more active lifestyles. This will become more relevant in a post Covid-19 environment.
9. The Executive Director for Growth Highways and Infrastructure will consider and discuss with the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs the appropriate level of Suffolk County Council funding for the public rights of way and green access network when looking at the priorities for Council revenue and capital budgets, recognising the contribution to healthy and sustainable communities and the benefits to the rural economy that these can provide.
10. An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required for the SLAF Annual Report 2019-2020, as advised by the Lead for Equalities and Inclusion.

What are the timescales associated with this decision?

11. Not applicable

Alternative options

12. Cabinet could change the responses given by Suffolk County Council to the recommendations from the Suffolk Local Access Forum or could suggest additional issues that it would like the forum to explore over the coming year.

Who will be affected by this decision?

13. Officers acting on these recommendations and potentially users of public rights of way, land managers and communities within Suffolk.

Main body of report

The Work of SLAF

14. The forum meets every 3 months although in 2019-2020 this was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Meetings were held as follows:
 - 24th October 2019 – East Suffolk Council, Deben Room, Riduna Park, Melton IP12 1QT
 - 23rd January 2020 – Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC), Unit 11a, Hill View Business Park, Old Ipswich Road, Claydon IP6 0AJ
 - 30th April 2020 – meeting cancelled
 - 21st July 2020 – remote meeting via Zoom
15. Meetings were open to members of the public who can raise items or comment on issues being discussed or related to countryside access. Members of the public, including the Vice Chair of the Norfolk Local Access Forum, attended the meetings in October and January.
16. The Zoom meeting was not open to the public but was used as an opportunity to update members on progress in areas of interest to them.
17. One new member was appointed to the forum during the period of this report, attending their first meeting on 24th October 2019. That member was appointed to represent District and Borough Councils and replaced a councillor who stood down in 2019. A full list of members is given in Appendix A.

Administering SLAF

18. SLAF is made up of 15 volunteers each with a keen interest in countryside access. They act as an independent body with their own logo, letter heading, an independent email address and a dedicated page on the Suffolk County Council website; <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/suffolk-local-access-forum/>
19. Suffolk County Council's Rights of Way and Access team administers the forum. The cost of administering the Suffolk Local Access Forum during 2019-20 was under £500. This covered secretariat services, booking meeting rooms and providing refreshments, site visits, members' travel expenses and the recruitment of new members. The cost was kept very low by booking meeting rooms at partner organisations (e.g. East Suffolk Council) and as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic resulting in April's meeting being cancelled and July's meeting being held remotely.
20. The forum thanks the Rights of Way and Access team for their support which is vital to the forum delivering their work.

SLAF Activities in 2019/20

Rights of Way Improvement Plan: Suffolk Green Access Strategy 2020-2030

21. The forum was pleased to see Suffolk's second Rights of Way Improvement Plan published. The forum were key stakeholders in the development of the plan and were involved in the decision to title it 'Suffolk Green Access Strategy'.
22. At the January 2020 meeting, the forum discussed the importance of the title which members feel conveys the message of the strategy so succinctly.
23. The forum fully supports the aims and objectives of the strategy, its relevance in enabling communities to access their local area via public rights of way and emphasise the importance of maintaining and developing green access across Suffolk.

The Agricultural Bill and Environmental Land Management Scheme

24. The forum recognises this as the most important legislation for farming for many years and sees it as an opportunity to improve countryside access.
25. The forum wrote to Lord Gardiner and to all of Suffolk's MPs to ask them to use this opportunity to support improved access to the countryside. The forum highlighted that whilst in some of Suffolk's parishes the rights of way network is excellent, in others it is inadequate, with concern over a poor bridleway network in many parts of the county.
26. The forum supports compensating land managers under the principle of 'public money for public goods' and believes it is possible for the proposed Environmental Land Management Scheme to deliver public enjoyment alongside food production and enhanced wildlife.

Sizewell C Stage 4 Consultation

27. The forum responded to EDF Energy on the Stage 4 Consultation for Sizewell C and supports on-going discussions between EDF and Suffolk County Council's Rights of Way and Access team on the green access network.
28. A key area of concern is access north of Sizewell C to Eastbridge and the forum wants to see an off-road route created for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.
29. The forum is also concerned with the impact construction of new sea defences will have on the England Coast Path. The coast path is a strategic route and construction will force the path seaward, potentially making it inaccessible during high tides. The forum insists that post-construction of sea defences, the coast path is future-proofed against long-term erosion issues by placing it at the top of the new sea defences.
30. The forum also has concerns over temporary closures of the coast path during beach landings of construction materials and insists that a shuttle minibus should be considered to avoid excessive diversions for walkers between Dunwich and Sizewell.
31. The forum is pressing for improvements to access around Sizewell with a new public right of way through Kenton Hills to connect to the coast path.

32. The forum would like to see a Community Liaison Officer funded by EDF in post before construction starts, to provide a link between EDF and the local community to address problems that arise.
33. The forum recognises the impact Sizewell C has on Suffolk County Council officer time and wants to see EDF fund an extra staff member within the rights of way and access team for at least two years to manage changes to the network as a result of the development.
34. The forum has also looked at proposals at Aldhurst Farm. The forum welcomes that its previous suggestions have been taken on board with the inclusion of public access to the southern part of the site and the provision of open access with the provision for dog walking and recreational use by the local community.
35. As a legacy of Sizewell C, the forum expects EDF to provide a more accessible and joined-up green access network, including an off-road cycle route between Aldeburgh and Dunwich.

Friston Sub Station

36. Scottish Power is proposing the construction of a National Grid substation in Friston to accommodate electricity produced by East Anglia 1 North and East Anglia 2 offshore windfarms.
37. The forum was contacted by 'Substation Action Save East Suffolk' for support in protecting the amenity of the countryside and public rights of way in and around Friston.
38. The forum expressed concern over the scale and impact of the project as well as concern over the lack of consultation from Scottish Power with the forum.

Sunnica Solar Farm

39. Sunnica Solar Farm, on the Suffolk-Cambridgeshire border, will be the largest solar farm in Europe. The forum is keen to learn more of the proposals and press the case for developing the existing public rights of way network in the area.
40. The forum will be inviting a representative of Sunnica to a future meeting.

Network Rail

41. On 24th September 2019, the SLAF Chair presented evidence at a Public Inquiry in support of a Rail Crossing Extinguishment and Diversion Order, under the Highways Act, to close a level-crossing public footpath (Needham Market Public Footpath 6 – Gypsy Lane) and divert the path to a nearby culvert. The forum was pleased to see the order confirmed by the Inspector on 6th December 2019.
42. The forum also supported Suffolk County Council on the closure of 5 public rights of way level crossings in Trimley following improvements to the Felixstowe Branch Line and the opening of a new bridleway bridge.

43. The forum is surprised there is still no decision on the countywide public rights of way level crossing closure Transport and Works Act Order, despite the inquiry concluding on 25th May 2018.

Trunk Roads

44. The A14 severs many public rights of way creating a safety issue for the public wanting to use those routes. The forum is concerned by this and see it as an issue shared with neighbouring Local Access Forums, including Norfolk and Cambridgeshire.
45. The forum is keen to see discussions between Highways England and Suffolk County Council's Rights of Way and Access team to address 'at-grade' crossings with suitable alternative 'grade-separated' crossings. The forum supports the council's request to Highways England to fund preparatory work to investigate severed crossings on the rights of way network.
46. The forum will make representations to Highways England to this effect and raise it at the next Regional Local Access Forum meeting to coordinate a response between forums in the east of England.

The Planning Process

47. In October 2019, the forum received a presentation from the Major Sites and Infrastructure Manager for East Suffolk Council on opportunities for improving countryside access through the planning process.
48. The forum is concerned that developers can overlook the importance of public rights of way and the role the network plays in creating healthy and active communities. It was, however, encouraged by the East Suffolk Council officer's enthusiasm to address green access positively in major developments
49. Looking forward, the forum will focus on the planning process and respond to major developments to secure improved access.

England Coast Path

50. Once completed, the England Coast Path will follow over 2,500 miles of the England coastline. The Suffolk Local Access Forum has been very involved in the development of the path in Suffolk with consultations from Natural England.
51. In Suffolk, the path is being determined in 5 stretches. Reports for 3 stretches have been submitted to the Secretary of State but work on the remaining 2 stretches (Felixstowe Ferry to Bawdsey; and Bawdsey to Aldeburgh) has been delayed.
52. The forum's England Coast Path working group convened in February 2020 to respond to these remaining stretches and is pleased that its efforts to extend the path along Suffolk's estuaries has resulted in these last 2 stretches proposing access along the River Orwell and the River Deben.
53. The forum is now keen to see the reports for these 2 stretches completed and to see all 5 reports confirmed allowing Suffolk's stretch of the England Coast Path to be launched in 2021.

54. The forum is also keen to see a partnership between Suffolk County Council and Norfolk and Essex councils to promote an east coast regional trail.

Open Access Restrictions

55. The forum is a statutory consultee to Natural England on issues relating to Open Access. Open Access are sites where the public have the right to roam. Nationally, Open Access includes 4 types of landscape; within Suffolk that landscape is heathland.
56. The forum considered a new direction from Natural England on seasonal closures for a site in The Brecks, which the forum had no objection to.

Suffolk Coast Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS)

57. The forum welcomed a presentation on Suffolk Coast RAMS to understand how the strategy links to the planning process to mitigate the impact of developments on the natural environment.
58. The forum requested that public access, and specifically walking, was represented on the RAMS working group. The forum also advised that focusing resources on improving rights of way would positively manage access by deterring straying off paths and steering the public away from more sensitive sites.

Covid-19 pandemic and countryside access

59. The forum supports measures by Suffolk County Council's Rights of Way and Access team to communicate restrictions on public access to the countryside during the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown measures. The forum recognises the good work by landowners to clear paths and provide new routes to enable local walks during this time. However, the forum is concerned over some elements of anti-social activity with reports of increased littering in some locations.

Suffolk Walking Festival

60. The forum fully supports the council's decision to cancel the 2020 Suffolk Walking Festival. The forum sees the event as key to promoting countryside access and the public rights of way network to residents and visitors to Suffolk.
61. The forum also sees the festival as a key event promoting Suffolk as an accessible tourism destination supporting the county's visitor attractions, tourism businesses and promoting its natural and historic sites.
62. The forum looks forward to seeing plans for the 2021 Suffolk Walking Festival in due course.

SLAF Recruitment

63. Local Access Forum membership can vary between 10 and 22 members. This can include 1 County Councillor and up to 2 District or Borough Councillors. SLAF has 15 members including 1 County Councillor and 1 District Councillor. The 15 members represent interests in walking, cycling, horse riding, land ownership, land management, conservation, accessibility, and outdoor sport.
64. In September 2019, Councillor James Mallinder (Deben Ward) was appointed by the Suffolk Chief Officers Leadership Team (SCOLT) to replace Councillor Diana Kearsley (Gislingham Ward), who stepped down in May 2019.

Presentations

65. 24th October 2019 – ‘Public Rights of Way and the Planning Process’, presented by Ben Woolnough, Major Sites and Infrastructure Manager, East Suffolk Council.
66. 23rd January 2020 – ‘Suffolk Coast Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS)’, presented by Stephanie Walsh, Ecologist, Suffolk Coast RAMS, East Suffolk Council.

Consultations

67. EDF: Sizewell C Stage 4 Consultation
68. DEFRA: Environmental Land Management Scheme
69. Natural England: England Coast Path
70. Natural England: Open Access Restriction

Public Inquiry

71. Transport and Works Act Order – Needham Market Public Footpath 6 and Gypsy Lane.

Other Meetings

72. 16th January 2020 – Regional Local Access Forum Meeting, Cambridge, attended by Barry Hall, SLAF Chair, and David Barker, SLAF Vice Chair.
73. 15th July 2020 – Regional Local Access Forum Meeting, remote meeting, attended by Barry Hall, SLAF Chair.

Working Groups:

74. The forum has 7 working groups who meet in-between forum meetings to discuss key issues, address tight deadlines or attend other meetings. The working groups are as follows:

Topic	Membership
Network Rail	Barry Hall, Clare Philips, Roley Wilson, Margaret Hancock
Sizewell C	Suzanne Bartlett, Barry Hall, Roley Wilson, Anthony Wright
Open Access	Barry Hall, Gordon Merfield
Green Access Strategy ROWIP	Derek Blake, Jane Hatton, Monica Pipe, Roley Wilson
Coastal Erosion and Access	Barry Hall, Roley Wilson, Susan Mobbs
Planning and Development	Jane Hatton, Jane Storey, Anthony Wright
Agri-Environment Access Schemes	David Barker, John Wayman

Looking Ahead

75. Priorities for SLAF over the coming year include:
76. Investment in Green Access
- To see investment to ensure that the aims and objectives of the Suffolk Green Access Strategy 2020-2030 are met and that the public rights of way network meets the needs of all users.
77. Sizewell C
- To press for safe and convenient green access during construction and a meaningful green access legacy.
78. Environmental Land Management Scheme
- To press for 'public money for public goods' in enhancing the green access network for the benefit of all users.
79. Planning
- To further develop an understanding of the planning process and respond to significant developments to influence improved green access.
80. The England Coast Path
- To see the new coast path delivered with access along Suffolk's estuaries.

Barry Hall

Chair of Suffolk Local Access Forum

David Barker

Vice Chair of Suffolk Local Access Forum

September 2020

Sources of further information

- a) Local Access Forums:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-access-forums-participate-in-decisions-on-public-access>
- b) The Suffolk Green Access Strategy: Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2020-2030:
<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/green-access-strategy/>
- c) Suffolk Local Access Forum web pages and membership
<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/suffolk-local-access-forum/>
- d) Suffolk Local Access Forum meeting 24 October 2019
<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way/SLAF-Minutes-etc/2019-10-24-SLAF-agenda-and-minutes.pdf>
- e) Suffolk Local Access Forum meeting 23 January 2020
<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way/SLAF-Minutes-etc/2020-01-23-SLAF-agenda-and-minutes.pdf>
- f) Suffolk Local Access Forum meeting 21 July 2020
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Suffolk Local Access Forum – Members Details

SLAF Membership August 2019 – July 2020

The forum had 15 members during the period covered by this report.

Barry Hall (Chair) – Barry is a retired local government officer with experience of working on countryside and rights of way projects. Barry retains an interest in countryside access as a member of the RSPB, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and National Trust. *Barry has been a member of SLAF since October 2007 and Chair since January 2016.*

David Barker MBE (Vice Chair) – With his wide experience within the NFU, CLA and as a former Countryside Agency commissioner, David seeks to work to balance all interests in countryside access. David was also Chair of Creating the Greenest County. *David has been a member of SLAF since July 2003 and Vice Chair since April 2010.*

Suzanne Bartlett – Having been brought up on a farm near Framlingham, Suzanne has spent most of her life living and working in Suffolk. Since retiring from her profession as a Librarian, she has dedicated more time to walking and cycling in the countryside, whilst continuing as a self-employed writer and researcher. She is particularly concerned with promoting the benefits of outdoor activities for both physical health and mental well-being. *Suzanne has been a member of SLAF since October 2018.*

Derek Blake MBE – Chairman of Clare Walkers and the Activity Planning Trustee at Clare Castle Country Park, Derek has a keen interest in all aspects of leisure walking, as well as issues related to access, health & well-being, and tourism. *Derek has been a member of SLAF since October 2018.*

Margaret Hancock – Margaret is a Blue Badge Tourist Guide with a particular interest in promoting sustainable tourism. She is keen to encourage visitors to explore Suffolk by public transport, walking and cycling to benefit the local economy and preserve the peace and tranquillity of the county. Margaret has experience of supporting children and young people with disabilities, enabling them to access leisure facilities. *Margaret has been a member of SLAF since April 2010.*

Jane Hatton – Jane was born and has always lived in Suffolk enjoying the countryside as both a horse rider and dog walker. Jane has a background in Sales and Marketing and has previously been the Sudbury Town Centre Manager. She continues to work to improve access for the community into the countryside with an interest in promoting the benefits to health and tourism. She has introduced new walks for both the Suffolk Walking Festival and Walking for Health. *Jane has been a member of SLAF since October 2013.*

Councillor James Mallinder – James is an active parish councillor in Hollesley, volunteer for 'Meet up Mondays', and treasurer of a local Good Neighbour scheme. In 2019 he entered East Suffolk Council as ward member for Deben and with an enthusiasm for the environment, holds the Environment Portfolio. *James has been a member of SLAF since October 2019.*

Gordon Merfield – With a background in agriculture, since the 1980's Gordon has been active in participating and coaching field sports events as well as being interested in the wider countryside and walking in foreign countries. *Gordon has been a member of SLAF since September 2004.*

Susan Mobbs - Sue is a walker and a cyclist mainly because of the opportunities they give for exploring landscape, history and nature at close hand. She is a volunteer with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, doing practical work on local reserves, and a member of the Long Distance Walkers Association. Sue's professional background is in social care and social and community development and she is keen to see improved access to the countryside and outdoor activities for people of all ages and abilities. *Susan has been a member of SLAF since October 2018.*

Clare Phillips – With a background in journalism, Clare has worked on the BBC's 'Farming Today' programme and presented countryside documentaries for BBC Radio Suffolk. Clare enjoys off-road running and walking in the Suffolk countryside, organises several Trail Races, and runs each year for her running club. She is a horse-rider and a Trustee of Ipswich Riding for the Disabled Group. Clare also chairs the footpaths sub-committee of Brantham Parish Council. *Clare has been a member of SLAF since October 2018.*

Monica Pipe – Monica farms just north of Ipswich and has many well-used footpaths on her land including the promoted Fynn Valley Walk. *Monica has been a member of SLAF since July 2003.*

Councillor Jane Storey – SCC Councillor for Thedwastre North, Jane's interests include walking, dog-walking, off-road driving and, being a farmer's daughter, a strong view that along with rights come responsibilities. Jane believes that we should preserve our rights of way, including byways and bridleways, but not at the expense of common sense. These are an important part of presenting Suffolk as the Greenest County, useful for getting from A to B, but also for getting people who do not normally exercise out and about at little or no expense. *Cllr Jane Storey has been a member of SLAF since October 2009.*

John Wayman – A former district council member farming in the Stour Valley, John now contributes to the wider rural picture. *John has been a member of SLAF since July 2003.*

Roley Wilson – Roley is actively involved in the promotion of the health benefits of walking for all. He has a lifelong interest in nature and open-air pursuits. During a 33-year police career one of his many postings involved being the Wildlife Liaison Officer

for Suffolk. He is a member of the Ramblers and since retirement has spent an increasing amount of time in volunteer activities for that organisation. A keen bird watcher and member of the RSPB and Suffolk Wildlife Trust he has a passion for ensuring that everyone has free and responsible access to the countryside. *Roley has been a member of SLAF since October 2013.*

Anthony Wright – A long-term cyclist and walker, Anthony has worked with several local authorities and publishers on the production of cycling and walking guides. For 15 years before retiring Anthony worked part-time for the national sustainable transport charity Sustrans as its Area Manager for Norfolk and Suffolk, while also working part-time as a Suffolk County Council Cycling Officer. He maintains an active interest in developing cycle routes and advises the Highways Agency and Norfolk & Suffolk Highways of their responsibilities for non-motorist users safety on the highway. *Anthony has been a member of SLAF since July 2003.*