

## **FOREST OF BOWLAND AONB JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Proposal of appointment of new member to the Joint Advisory Committee**

#### **Recommendation**

The Committee is requested to:

- i. approve the appointment to the Joint Advisory Committee of a representative from Friends of Bowland committee.

#### **Background**

##### **Friends of Bowland**

The group was established as an unincorporated association in 2012, agreeing a governing document and appointing officers following its launch at Newton-in-Bowland village hall in October 2012.

Friends of Bowland aims are:

- to promote practical conservation in Bowland;
- to promote environmental knowledge and training - in particular to benefit Bowland flora and fauna;
- to promote historical and local research relating to the landscape of Bowland;
- to hold educational and social events likely to be of interest to Friends;
- be a means of getting advice and recruiting volunteers for projects;
- raise funds to promote these aims, in particular where funds may be inaccessible to the AONB unit;
- work with the AONB unit and other relevant groups/organisations to avoid duplication and waste of resources.

The group has now created its own web page on the AONB website:

(<http://www.forestofbowland.com/friendsnews>) and have organised a range of volunteering activities, talks and social events throughout 2013.