PENDLE HILL LPS

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

**Summer 2013** – Scoping work around the Forest of Bowland AONB identified Pendle Hill as the focus for a Landscape Partnership due to its distinctive character, the heritage under threat from particular pressures and issues, and the opportunity to work with nearby urban communities

**Spring 2014** – work started with the setting up of a steering group with representatives from the AONB Unit, Ribble Valley borough council and Pendle borough council: the Steering Group has met on 4th Feb, 24th March, 18th May, and 9th September

Visits to neighbouring LP schemes in Solway, Nidderdale, and Ingleborough; attendance at Watershed Landscapes LP sharing event

Simon Lees was engaged as consultant to provide mentoring support for the development of the bid

Heritage assets identified, landscape threats and opportunities recorded from our landscape character assessment and consultations

Vision and objectives drafted for a programme proposal

Groups and partners identified and engaged including Heritage Trust NW, several village history groups, UCLAN, Lancashire County Council (community heritage team and outdoor education centre), Ribble Valley and Pendle district councils, several parish councils, Lancashire Wildlife Trust, RSPB, Ribble Rivers Trust, Environment Agency, Natural England, United Utilities, Downham Estate, Pendle Hill Advisory Group, several tourism businesses, and local artists

**June-Sep 2014** - 4 Gatherings held: 30 people attended, project proposals drafted

Artistic consultation run – 6 artists developed work

Visitor surveys held – 250 people questioned, results analysed

Proposal submitted to HLF: meeting officers 14th October

Meeting with Pendle Hill Advisory Group held 9th September: agreed to become the basis of a shadow partnership board

Initial scoping work has helped to influence the Forest of Bowland AONB response to Natural England's New Environmental Land Management Scheme and the LDS submission for LEADER proposals which includes reference to a Pendle Hill LPS within the 'Lancashire North and Bowland LAG'

**FUTURE WORK**

**Oct – Dec 2014 -** Initial meeting with HLF development officers

Project descriptions to be developed with partners

Match funds and project leads to be identified

AONB Joint Advisory Committee and LCC support secured

Accountable body to be agreed

Application form to be drafted and consulted on early in New Year

Plans for development phase to be drawn up and costed

**Jan – May 2015 -** application and supporting docs to be re drafted ready for submission by the end of May 2015

JAC and shadow partnership board to meet and approve bid