The South Pennines Regional Park

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Look ‘back to the future’

- Hobhouse/Dower Reports – 1940s
- SCOSPA/WPMMC – 1974
- Heritage Strategy - 2001
- Established 2005
- Discussions to designate – up to 2010
- Energy for a South Pennines Regional Park - 2012

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South Pennines Regional Park – why now?

• Shifting financial pressures
  • Reducing resources/funding
• Vulnerability of a non-designated landscape including:
  – Development & infrastructure pressures
  – Natural events/climate change
  – Visitor pressures
  – Access
  – Outcomes from Brexit

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The big question

How can we galvanise genuine public support across the South Pennines, recruit future champions and bring benefits from moorland tops to the grassroots of our communities.
Our response

The South Pennines Regional Park
– a people’s park for the 21st century

We want this ...

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How?

• Create a sense of
  – Place
  – Future
  – Be proud of our past
  – Our home

• Co-create with communities

• A new management framework

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Building resilience

By more of this ...

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To end up with this ...

• A thriving and resilient economy
• A landscape for the future
• A space for everyone
One touch of nature and the whole world is kin

William Shakespeare
(1564-1616)