

Item 11(i) Appendix:

“68. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Northern Forest

It was moved by Councillor A. R. Greaves, seconded by Councillor B. Newman –

Pendle Council notes the proposal for a new Northern Forest from the Woodland Trust and Community Forests Trust, which was included in “A Green Future” – the Government’s 25-year Plan to Improve the Environment. It further noted that, as set out at present, the boundaries of the proposed Northern Forest area which tended “along the M65 from Hull to Liverpool” included most local authority areas in historic Yorkshire and Lancashire but did not include the county of Lancashire.

Pendle Council supports the concept of a new Northern Forest, extending from coast to coast, and including appropriate land in both urban and rural areas. It would like to see the Northern Forest extending to include Lancashire, and in particular the Borough of Pendle and adjoining parts of Pennine Lancashire.

This Council resolves:

- (1) To seek the support of Lancashire County Council and other local authorities (unitary and district) in Lancashire, together with the Lancashire Association of Local Councils.
- (2) To promote the idea within Pendle and to seek the support of the MP for Pendle, Town and Parish Councils, the Forest of Bowland AONB, the Ribble River Trust and other appropriate local bodies together with the Woodland Trust and the Community Forests Trust.
- (3) To bring this resolution to the attention of the Secretary of State for environment, Food and Rural Affairs and to ask for his support.
- (4) To bring this resolution to the attention of neighbouring local authorities in Yorkshire which have been included within the boundary of the Northern Forest.
- (5) To convene a meeting of all the local, regional and national bodies which show an interest in extending the boundary of the Northern Forest to include all or parts of the County of Lancashire to discuss appropriate ways forward.

RESOLVED

Accordingly.”