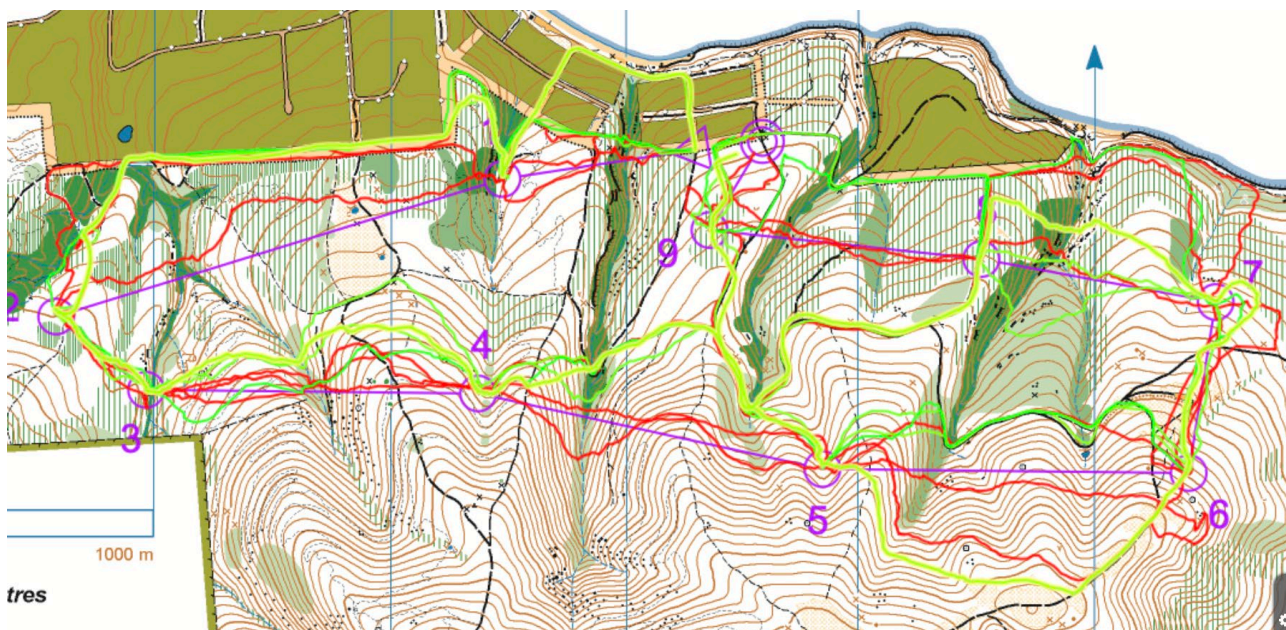


## Thoughts On Coningham Courses

The primary objectives when setting courses for the Coningham local event were to maximise route choice while trying to reduce climb which can easily get out of control at Coningham. Only 3 competitors provided LiveloX tracks for the middle distance course so we will concentrate on the long course where 14 competitors provided LiveloX tracks. Overall we met our objectives as seen in the route taken by a few of the competitors below - certainly competitors had plenty of route choice and used it.

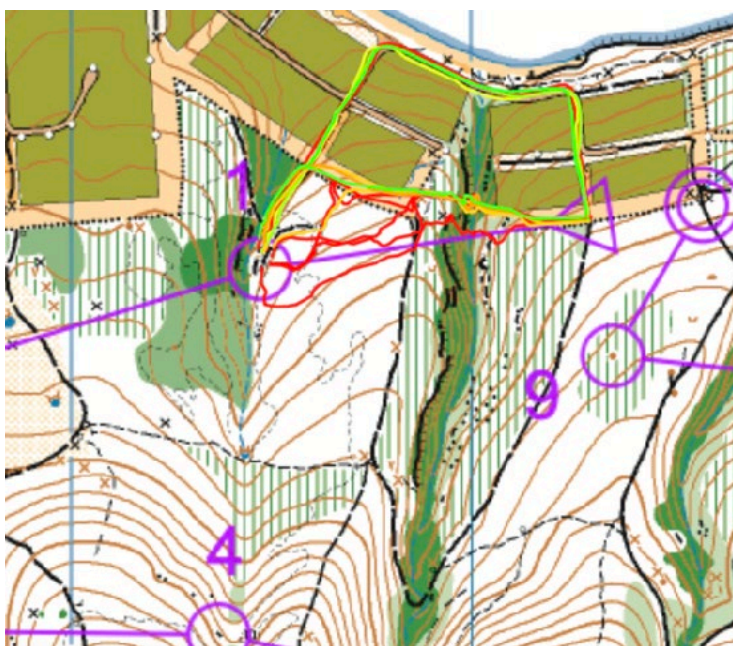


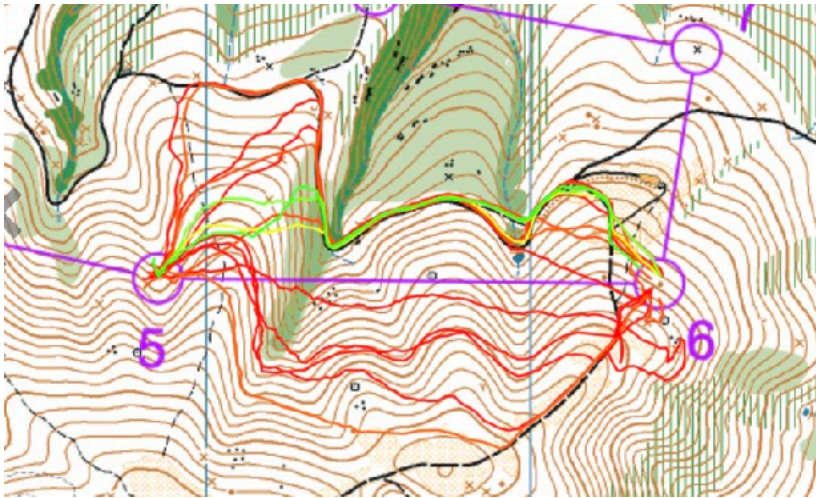
Green is fastest, going through yellow and orange with red being slowest.

Looking at some specific legs:

### Start - 1

The plan was to provide 3 options, down hill via the road, through the gully and green or following the tracks to the south. Just to show how subtle control placement can be; in placing control 1 it was tempting to move the control to the rock due south. However, it was felt that this would make the track option too obvious and the same track heading south to the next control too obvious also. Unfortunately our placement made the route via the boundary clearing to control 2 too obvious. No-one took the southern track option from the start. Interestingly, there was very little difference between the road and gully routes with regard time, however tackling the green and gully was always going to be a gamble.





### 5 - 6

Like 4 - 5, this leg offered the choice of maintaining height while tackling the gullies or losing height and utilising the road. Clearly the road option was quicker. An interesting route choice (the southern most track) was to dodge the gullies by heading south out of 5 and climbing to the track well above 6. This route had in fact similar overall climb as the road option. Not sure if this route was intentional but well spotted if so.

### 7 - 8 and 8 - 9

These 2 legs really split up the field. Control 8 was adjacent to a track and as such not a navigational challenge to find - the challenge was in choosing the best route. Going direct or using the tracks to the south produced the fastest times from 7 - 8, whereas the direct option was slower for 8 - 9.

