

Brighton & Hove LAF Meeting Minutes

12-05-2016

Present

Annie Brown, Andrew Coleman, Corrina Edwards-Colledge, Dave Brookshaw, John Funell, Luke Burstow, Maire McQueeney, Peter Jarman, David Larkin, Stephanie Stammers, Jenny Bowen, Geoff Cook

Apologies: Chantelle Hoppé

2. Jenny explained the process behind the creation of the new coastal path

3. Minutes of last meeting

3. Luke will contact Hillside school who may be able to suggest someone who may be willing to attend the LAF to represent disable access

It was noted that the SDNP has been carrying out a restructure and while several people were aware of some of the detail (e.g. the access officer post has been deleted) the outcome has not been made public yet

There is a LAF huddle group which people are welcome to join and several members have already

6. Letter to Balfour school. It was felt that a letter was not appropriate at this stage MM had spoken to someone at the school who said that the gate had been locked for security reasons. CEC said none of the other gates were locked. Someone said that the gate had been locked after older pupils from the adjacent school had been coming into Balfour School and taunting the younger children. It was agreed that the next step should be to write to the school and ask why the gate has been locked. CEC agreed to draft a letter

4. Luke was welcomed to the meeting having been recruited since the last meeting. DL informed the group that Jane Lee had agreed to attend to represent equestrians but couldn't make a meeting until September

5 In Chantelle's absence DL reported on recent work

(a) Rights of way maintenance and management update

- reported that the hedge at Hogg Platt had been cut back and stone delivered to the site so surfacing would begin in the next couple of weeks
- The work at Saddlescomb road has been completed, surfacing the verge to provide safe access. DB pointed out that similar work was needed to the south between the gas pressure reducing station and the Golf Club entrance
- B&H golf course
- Following a complaint about rubbish on FP B45 a clear up had been carried out by the Probation Community payback team
- gates have been replaced in Mile Oak, The Chattri and at Balsdean

- Following a nuisance report a suggestion has been made to install a permissive bridleway parallel to BW H6 across Brighton & Hove golf club as it is not possible to improve the signage of the bridleway as it runs along a SAM. LAF members felt that this was a good compromise as long as the original bridleway was retained.

(b) Legal & mapping update

- Paperwork has been completed and we are awaiting a date to add a new path at Meadowview to the definitive map
- Following a suggestion that a couple of the paths in Hollingbury woods should actually be bridleways a new map was drawn up and re-circulated. This has been agreed and we will proceed with designation
- The draft legal event order for the 500 twittens has been completed, once this has been processed these can be added to the definitive map

6. DL mentioned the Big Conservation that BCHH are running to get input from the community to inform the Open Spaces Strategy that is being written

7. DL mentioned complaints that had been received about mountain bikers cutting trees down in Wild Park. There was some discussion around the lack of provision of MB facilities and Luke said that there had been an injury in Stanmer park from an obstruction on a trail.

DL reminded the meeting of the AGM on the 8th of September