

Local Access Forum AGM Meeting - Minutes		Date: 05-03-2020
Attendees Luke Burstow (LB) John Funnell (JF) Dave Brookshaw (DB) Becky Walton (BW) Peter Jarman (PJ) Liz Symes (LS)	Chantelle Hoppé (CH) Stephanie Stammers (SS)	Apologies: Annie Brown (AB) Andrew Coleman (AC) Maire McQueeney (MM)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions	Responsibility	Date by
2. Membership	<p>Welcome to Liz Symes. Liz has recently started using a mobility scooter / wheel chair to access the countryside. She is interested in helping to advise the LAF / council on accessibility issues.</p> <p>Melissa LaRoque has stepped down from LAF membership due to increased family commitments. Many thanks to Melissa for your involvement and continued support on the Path Warden scheme.</p> <p>This leaves a vacancy for an equestrian on the LAF</p>	Talk to equestrians @ Barn Farm	BW	Before next meeting
3. Minutes of Last Meeting, matters arising & actions	<p>LCWIP – LAF may have formal consultation at the next meeting in June</p> <p>Remind Paul Holloway to send summary document of LTP5</p> <p>DB thanked SS for administration of Black Rock DMMO application</p> <p>Still to explore contact with Scouts / Explorers</p> <p>PJ There has been some confusion over Sweet Hill – gap in Def Map – Evidential or Historic claim. DB offered to make a historic claim.</p>	<p>Send reminder email</p> <p>Contact Scouts / Explorers</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>LB</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>Before next meeting</p>

	Send dates for upcoming SDNPA LAF meetings	Send meeting dates	AB	ASAP
<p>4. Current News & information Updates</p>	<p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearance – Hollingbury area around furniture • PF B50 cut back by Brighton University • 3 gates repaired (Balsdean) • 2 gates replaced (Ovingdean) • 2 waymark posts replaced (Coney Woods) • Step balustrade repaired (Coney Woods) • Parish Lane surfacing – remedial works complete to the southern section of the path <p>Works due to start in March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BW B5, Bishopstone Drive (Saltdean) – resurfacing rutted section • Falmer Road Multi-User path – resurfacing of Brighton section starts end of March (sealed surface). The path will be closed for the duration of the project (up to 2 months). Alternate cycle route to Falmer – Lewes Road cycle lane. <p>(LB) Three Cornered Copse – BW in desperate need of cutting back</p> <p>Legal Rights of Way Work</p> <p>DMMOs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benfield Valley – waiting to see if another formal objection comes in from the land manager (10/03/20). The application will then be sent to PINs for adjudication. • Black Rock – new footpath added to the Definitive Map • Overdown Rise – developers are only willing to create a permissive path. Awaiting to see if the applicant wants to continue with the original DMMO application or accept the 	<p>Talk to Ranger about cutting this back</p>	<p>CH</p>	<p>ASAP</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veolia bid to help fund the Falmer Road path resurfacing – find out in March (7.1.2)• Possibility of remedial surface works in Mile Oak area from Section 106 – RB P11 & BW P12 (7.1.3)• LCWIP /LTP 5 consultation with the LAF – next meeting? (7.1.4)• Whole Estate Plan – consultation with the LAF – next meeting? (7.2.3)• England Coastal Path – meeting with Natural England to go through the application for the RDPE funding for signage (7.2.6)• Overdown Rise development – new path (permissive / but DMMO application in) (7.3.1)• Highways England – A27 crossings. It’s not looking hopeful that we have funding for this – still pursuing (7.4.1)• Priority Crossing 10 currently underway – new Toucan crossing and shared use path (7.4.1)• Proposal in to create ped/cycle refuge on Falmer Road – Priority Crossing 1 (7.4.1)• Path upgrades and improvements planned for the Stanmer Restoration project – new circular bridleway and smaller loops (7.4.2)			
6. Missing Links / Lost Ways / Unrecorded Paths	DB has agreed to make a historical claim for the Sweet Hill Bridleway ‘gap’ (BW B80) DB to look at an extension to BW B1, off Longridge Avenue, Saltdean – historic claim Talk to Savills about the Missing Links program – timetable for tenancy renewals	Start historic Claims Meet with Savills	DB CH	Before next meeting

	<p>DB – For information: South Downs Society have their–own Missing Link project. They are linked in to the South East Coast Action for Transport & Environment program – looking at where roads and paths meet to make walking & cycling more enjoyable. As 40% of Brighton & Hove is in the Park DB has sent them our priority road crossings list.</p>			
7. Farming & Access Issues	<p>CH attended a multi–agency meeting at Truliegh Hill on 28/02/20. Main outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly tipping: take photographic evidence in situ and send to Local Authority • Uncontrolled Dogs: try to get video footage / photos – particularly vehicle registration to send to Rural PCSO unit. They can issue Community Protection Warnings to individuals • Off–Road vehicles: as many reports to the police 101 number as possible so they can get a good picture of the problem and direct resources <p>Our Rural PCSO for Brighton & Hove Area: Danny.Heath@sussex.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>Annie’s report to the group via DB: the situation with permissive paths in the wake of the loss of EU stewardship schemes – SDNPA are looking to support land managers to keep permissive paths open. (Not sure what ELMS – Environment Land Management Scheme in the UK will look like yet).</p>			
8. AOB	<p>Waterhall & Hollingbury Golf Course (All) Waterhall rewilding – current proposal looks like a Trust approach. LB – concerns over the apparent aim to limit public access.</p>	Draft a letter to	DB to draft	ASAP

	<p>General consensus is that the LAF would like to see increase access – create open access. CH there is also a Missing Link in the area that would be good to create.</p> <p>Concerns around the process (short time frame), lack of public consultation and lack of a Whole Estate Plan.</p> <p>Hollingbury Golf – new Golf Company are looking to re-design the lay-out for the Golf Course to improve access / ecology. Opportunities for the LAF to be involved. They are keen to involve local dog walkers etc.</p> <p>Black Rock Regeneration (LB) Plans look generally very good for pedestrian and cycle access overall. LB – interested to see what the beach boardwalk will look like if for cyclists as well as pedestrians – what materials it will be built out of? General comment – the LAF would like to have been consulted on this – especially as the England Coastal Path runs through the site.</p> <p>MTB Brighton (LB) The mountain biking group have been looking to set up Wild Park as a pilot area for working with the council on formalising MTB access. The trails have been in existence for about 30 years. The group have set themselves up as a formal community group with constitution – following the example of Brighton Green Spaces Forum. They have made a management plan for the site – with an inspection & maintenance schedule. They have been working closely with the Ranger for the site – Emma. The idea is to use the group for education and engagement of the MTB community – working to decrease conflict with other users and help improve / protect the ecology and archaeology of the sites by avoiding certain areas / using</p>	<p>the ETS Committee asking Waterhall be made Open Access</p> <p>Contact Leisure Services with regards plans & LAF involvement</p> <p>Contact the project team to talk about LAF involvement</p> <p>Meeting with insurers</p>	<p>LB to send</p> <p>CH</p> <p>CH</p> <p>CH & Rangers</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>April</p>
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	<p>local materials etc. There has been a delay while the council changes Insurer. The next step is to get sign off from the council insurance team on the activities being suggested.</p> <p>Brighton Walk Fest (BW) There was a meeting for the Brighton Walking Festival on 25th February. This is nationally held in May, but will be delayed to June for Brighton & Hove so as not to clash with the May Arts Festival. The Brighton Walking Alliance is being created on the back of this.</p> <p>City Nature Challenge 2020 (BW) April 24th – 27th – The idea is that people record as many observations of wild plants, animals and fungi as possible between the 24th and 27th, using the iNaturalist App. (https://www.inaturalist.org/) There's no experience necessary and there will be experts on hand to review and ID people's submissions.</p> <p>DB – Check Patcham Open Access Land is recorded on Natural England website & OS</p> <p>AC – emailed questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealed surface multi-user paths will be designed for drainage • Developer contributions are being used to help with projects • The Stanmer Estate Manager is drawing in Section 106 money to help with the Stanmer Restoration Project • Toads Hole Valley – CH needs to get an update on what is happening with both the SDNPA planning and BHCC Planning 	<p>keep the LAF updated of progress</p> <p>Pass on to contacts</p> <p>Check OS & Natural England</p>	<p>BW</p> <p>All</p> <p>CH</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>
<p>8. Date of next meetings</p>	<p>04/06/2020</p> <p>24/09/2020 (AGM)</p> <p>10/12/2020</p>			