

Local Access Forum Meeting - Minutes		Date: 12-07-2018
Attendees Maire McQueeney (MM) <i>Chair</i> Peter Jarman (PJ) Dave Brookshaw (DB) Becky Walton (BW) Annie Brown (AB) Luke Burstow (LB)	Chantelle Hoppé (CH) Stephanie Stammers (SS)	Apologies: Ellie Cooper (EC) John Funnell (JF) David Larkin (DL) Andrew Coleman (AC)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions	Responsibility	Date by
2. Membership	(CH) Ellie has decided to step down from the LAF for the time being due to personal and work commitments (MM) Suggest looking to Tidy Up Team for new members?			
3. Minutes of Last meeting	(DB) the LAF are looking forward to Andy Renaut's (AR) presentation at the next meeting. (LB) noticed new signs in Stanmer village stating resident vehicles only in Stanmer Village. Asked if there will be a season ticket available for parking. (CH) Has heard season tickets talked about for parking in the Park. (LB) The 5 cycle hoops at the entrance and 5 at the walled garden doesn't seem adequate for the planned increase in visitor numbers (CH) Sweet Hill is a permissive BW and therefore cannot be claimed as a PRoW	Send AR Times article on shared use roundabouts Feedback to Jonathan Dahl – cycle parking not adequate	CH CH	ASAP ASAP

	<p>(LB) asked if minutes from these meetings can be shared. (CH) The minutes are publicly available on the council website so, yes can be shared.</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.</p>			
<p>5. Information Updates (CH & SS)</p>	<p>RoW Maintenance & Management Report:</p> <p>Not surprisingly at this time of year, we have had a lot of reports that paths are overgrown.</p> <p>We have also been concentrating efforts on fixing / replacing gates and stiles in the Ovingdean area as they are problematic and needed for stock control.</p> <p>Benfield Valley Footgolf and walkers have been in conflict over use of desire line paths through the golf course. Better signage will be put in to delineate where the PRow network is in that area.</p> <p>Contractor works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surfacing improvements on the bridleway between Woodingdean and Ovingdean (Parish Lane) to make it more ‘easy access’ – grading to get rid of the side camber and surfacing with stone. • Drainage and surfacing works at the Coldean Woods / Stanmer park bridge as this gets severely flooded in winter and as an important pedestrian access to the park. • Surfacing works at the gate at Piddingworth woods, Stanmer ‘Easy Access’ trail. It gets terribly poached in the winter and impassable. Looking to get funding for this project through SDNPA. <p>Suggestions for improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (LB) Sweet Hill bridleway. (CH) this is on the radar for improvement works – looking for agreement from the farmer 			

	<p>and funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (MM) Better access through Coney Woods from Patcham – to link up with Sweet Hill & crossing Mill Lane. • (LB) Waterhall – signage to the bridge crossing from the Waterhall side • (LB) 19 Acres, the gate to cross the Saddelscomb Road (heading towards Devil’s Dyke) is getting gullied out again <p>(LB) Volunteer Path Warden for Three Cornered Copse (BW) looking to volunteer in her area</p> <p>Legal & Mapping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - Diversion order at Standean (BW B72) – this involves East and West Sussex County Councils – awaiting on paperwork from these highways authorities - Fishersgate Station – network rail are moving the bridge so that part of the footpath in W. Sussex will be diverted into Brighton & Hove. We are working with WSCC / Adur on the diversion and creation orders. Consultation is underway. - 	Send Path Warden info	CH	ASAP
<p>6. Rights of Way Improvement Plan (CH)</p>	<p>The ROWIP consultation was advertised for the statutory 12 weeks in 2 local newspapers. It went out to 171 stakeholder groups / organisations. It was presented at the Local Transport Partnership 140 questionnaires came in with an overall very positive response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 87% agreed with the vision • 88% agreed with the 5 main aims • 76% thought the Action Plan was appropriate • 75% thought the ROWIP provided a good overview of how improvements could be made to the network & access 			

	<p>The consultation analysis document will go up on the Rights of Way page on the council website. There is more specific feedback in there (with actions resulting from it in red and responses to questions in blue).</p> <p>The next step is to take the results of the consultation and the final draft of the ROWIP to Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee on 9th October – to ask for the ROWIP to be endorsed by the council.</p> <p>Some actions / projects from the ROWIP are being worked on in the meantime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Transport Division are working with Highways England on a project to improve A27 junction crossing points for pedestrians and cyclists • Toads Hole Valley Development – working with developers to improve access across the A27 at Dyke Road; plus bridleway improvements in Three Cornered Copse • Changing the Chalk bid with National Trust – looking to provide off road access routes along the Dyke Road to Devil’s Dyke and the Ditchling Road to Ditchling Beacon. <p>(MM) BHCC ran a consultation on the introduction of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy). DB kindly drafted a response letter which MM sent as the Chair of the LAF.</p> <p>CIL replaces section 106 money from developers. It is a non-negotiable payment to the council by developers and is not tied to the areas where the development is happening, so is more flexible in distribution. It speeds up the process of application to free up funds for projects. However, it will be a more competitive bidding process with other council departments.</p> <p>(CH) Good timing with the ROWIP as this helps highlight the</p>	<p>Circulate the letter sent re CIL</p>	<p>MM</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
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	<p>importance of rights of way / it is a council strategy document that we need to deliver on.</p> <p>(DB) attending 2 meetings on behalf of the LAF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th July on draft City Plan. This is important as it takes in the whole of Brighton & Hove, from hospitals to green spaces. Important in terms of protecting green space and PRoW • 23rd July workshop on Urban Design Framework – which will involve green space. There is a survey to fill out online until 13th September: https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/udf-places 	Fill out questionnaire on behalf of LAF	ALL	By 13/09
<p>7. Missing Links (DB)</p>	<p>(DB) Marina – black route will become the England Coastal Path, so will be protected.</p> <p>The blue route – we’ve had a look on old maps and can’t find it depicted. Need to look at who owns the land / status (see attached file on Unrecorded Ways – Marina).</p> <p>May have to go down the DMMO route (find at least 10 users willing to fill out evidence forms – who have used the path for 20 years or more). (LB) could advertise for users on Brighton Past facebook page; (PJ) put poster up on the path.</p>	<p>Look at status of Marina land</p> <p>Send DB DMMO application pack</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>SS</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>ASAP</p>
<p>8. Farming & Access Issues (AB & DL)</p>	<p>(AB) Just been to a Sussex University workshop on sustainable food production on the Downs. Talked to Savills about the Whole Estate Plan – would be interesting to know a timescale on this.</p> <p>(CH) the ROWIP will slot into this plan. (AB) It would be good if farms in the area followed suit and did whole estate plans – with support from SDNPA.</p> <p>(AB) Also talked about Ash Die back – current thought is to cut diseased trees down while they still have value. (LB) good to see, where thinning work has been carried out in Stanmer, the rate of</p>			

	<p>regrowth from the woodland floor.</p> <p>(AB) recent farm cluster meeting – talked about the different responsibilities of people on PRow or Access Land. This will be pursued more through the Changing Chalk bid with Natural England – have Rangers to help educate the public. (PJ) It’s good if farmers put up signs to warn of grazing animals – that they take the signs down when the stock have moved off. (AB) agreed.</p>			
<p>9. AOB</p>	<p>(PJ) Request from a horse rider – who is advocating for equestrians in the Brighton & Hove area. (CH) unfortunately we are now looking for new equestrian representation on the LAF.</p> <p>(BW) will pop into the stables at New Barn when passing and see if anyone might be interested.</p> <p>(PJ) Can the hill to the west of Dyke railway trail (part of the Monarch’s trail) be re-surfaced to bridleway standard. (CH) This is a footpath, not a bridleway, so only has to be maintained to the level of a footpath. Though it does have a permissive cycle path over it, the farmer is opposed to encouraging horse riders to use the path.</p> <p>(AB) At the recent SDLAF Hampshire were reporting a real problem with maintaining green lanes / byways. Going for the approach of first asking users to refrain from using in bad weather, then temporary TRO for winter months if that doesn’t work – to finally a permanent TRO. (LB) We don’t’ have that problem here as we don’t have many byways. (CH) the byways that we do have already have TROs on them.</p> <p>(CH) gave a presentation to Health Walks re Volunteer Path Warden scheme – good tool kits for volunteers. (CH) the scheme</p>			

	<p>currently has 20 volunteers – not bad as haven't launched properly yet.</p> <p>(CH) requested a change of date to the next meeting – from the 11th October to the 18th October.</p>			
<p>10. Date of next meetings</p>	<p>6pm at Hollingdean Depot: 18th October 2018 17th January 2019</p>			