

Local Access Forum Meeting - Minutes		Date: 25-04-2019
Attendees Maire McQueeney (MM) <i>Chair</i> Luke Burstow (LB) John Funnell (JF) Dave Brookshaw (DB) Becky Walton (BW) Annie Brown (AB)	Chantelle Hoppé (CH) Stephanie Stammers (SS)	Apologies: Andrew Coleman (AC) Peter Jarman (PJ) Melissa LaRoque (ML) Sue LaRoque (SL)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions	Responsibility	Date by
2. Membership	No updates MM asked if we were quorate. LB 40% required and we have 6 of the 10 member LAF – so quorate.			
3. Minutes of Last meeting	Actions from the last meeting: DB expressed disappointment at not having anyone from Transport along to the meeting. CH – There has been nothing to report on projects from Transport so far. They have assured us that someone will attend the next LAF meeting in July – to report on the LCWIP and the Homes England / Highways England project. SS asked estates team to put reflective signs on the new barriers at Waterhall CH Surfacing works at Saddlescomb Rd permissive bridleway are complete CH sent out the new, updated, DMMO application pack – nationally being rolled out CH cyclists at the front of Wild Park should be on the Highways cycle lane, not the pavement. Highways are looking into the signage			

	<p>here</p> <p>CH Ranger Will and AC were put in contact with regards Sussex Uni students helping out on the Coldean Woods tidy up day.</p> <p>No comments were received about the felling at Stanmer – to pass on to the Parks Projects team</p> <p>CH reported to the GIS team that the Highways map was posing issues for users</p> <p>CH LAF minutes updated on the council website</p>			
<p>4. Information Updates (CH & SS)</p>	<p>Maintenance & Management (CH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetation clearance: tree at Brighton & Hove Golf cleared (BW H6); RB H11 cut back by Ranger Volunteers; BW P7a cut back by garden maintenance team • Furniture; Gates replaced (2); Gates repaired (8); Waymark posts replaced (1); Scheduled works: Stiles to replace (S008, S015); New Waymark Posts (Roedean, Ovingdean, Hollingbury Woods, & W276, W275, W256); Gates to replace (G131, G140, G452, G235) – rolling program of furniture replacement using the internal Cityparks construction team • Surfacing: 19 Acres, Saddlescomb Road – surfacing of the ramp on the permissive bridleway up to the middle gate due to deep gullyng; Ovingdean Grange Farm – bridleway resurfacing of the middle section of BW B27 due to deep ruts from farm vehicles <p>Legal & Mapping (SS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMMOs: Ovingdean Grange Farm – the notice is due to come down on 2nd May. If no representations the order can then be made; Benfield Valley – the applicant has resubmitted to make two applications – one per path being claimed. This 			

	<p>is under consideration; Black Rock – after a recent meeting with DB it was agreed to send a letter from SS stating that most of the route is already a highway – a road with higher rights than the claimed bridleway. The southern section will still be considered for footpath status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversion Orders: Standean (standing item – awaiting ESCC & WSCC actions) • Creation Orders: Fishersgate – awaiting WSCC to make a decision on width of path; Missing Links – report agreed – being processed. • CH update on Hollingbury Barn. The developer has dug a large trench next to the footpath. As a result a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order has been put in place to temporarily close off that section of footpath while the works are carried out. 			
<p>5. Rights of Way Improvement Plan (CH)</p>	<p>Update on projects contributing towards delivery of the ROWIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolling program of furniture replacement (least restrictive access Obj 7.1.1) • Resurfacing of Falmer Road path & Changing the Chalk bid with new links to Ditchling Beacon & Devil’s Dyke (multi-user paths Obj 7.1.2) • Parish Lane easy access trail & Ovingdean Grange Farm bridleway resurfacing (improve accessibility Obj 7.1.3) • Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan; shortlisted for Ramblers walking neighbourhoods award (integrated transport Obj 7.1.4) • Online access map for council website (improve online resources Obj 7.2.1) • Field work to upgrade intermediary signage (improve on the ground information Obj 7.2.3) 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole Estate Plan – LAF to be involved in consultation (improve working relationship with farmers Obj 7.2.3) • Volunteer Path Wardens – 26 operating, covering 78% of countryside network (improve volunteer opportunities Obj 7.2.5) • Opening event for Parish Lane; publicise opening of new BW at West Hove Golf; England Coastal Path – new signage (Advertise promoted routes Obj 7.2.6) • Work with SDNPA to create ‘gateway’ signage at the urban fringe; Highways England have now completed feasibility study on A27 junction point improvements at 4 locations in BHCC – Devil’s Dyke Road, Mill Road, Carden Avenue, Ditchling Road (improve accessibility to National Park Obj 7.4.2) • Creation order for missing links / gaps behind Woodingdean at Norton Drive & Whiteways Lane in Rottingdean (Fill in Missing Links on Definitive Map Obj 7.5.1) 	Meet with MM & LB about volunteer path warden scheme	CH	Before next meeting
6. Missing Links (DB)	<p>DB thanked SS for meeting up about the Black Rock application (see above notes in section 4 Legal & Mapping)</p> <p>DB highlighted the importance to keep trying to fill in the Missing Links on the Definitive Map.</p> <p>CH the up to date list of Missing Links (in the Brighton & Hove area) is in the ROWIP document (Table 3 at the very end of the document). Contributing to the Whole Estate Plan on this issue will be open to the LAF. CH and Savills meet regularly and go over tenancy renewals where missing links might be resolved</p>	SS to send a letter to DB outlining the situation with the Highway		
7. Farming & Access Issues (AB)	AB met with SDNPA this morning – discussion on conflict between public access and improving wildlife – are they mutually exclusive? Farmers on the urban fringe in particular suffer with walkers using field margins that are set aside for wildlife rather than sticking to			

	<p>public rights of way or access land.</p> <p>CH reported that the farmers Ovingdean Grange Farm suffer badly with this issue.</p> <p>AB – more engagement is needed, helping farmers to engage with the public. It can often be difficult due to conflicting messages (e.g. keep dogs on a short lead around sheep and take them off the lead with Cattle and Calves)</p> <p>DB suggested there should be more Rangers on the ground out patrolling the urban fringe on busy days to help educate the public. CH there isn't currently the resource in-house to do this. However, this has been written into the Changing the Chalk funding bid.</p> <p>SDNPA have written to all farmers to see if they can keep permissive access open once stewardship agreements are up for renewal</p>			
<p>8. AOB</p>	<p>LB wanted to follow up on the reported dumping of spoil at Three Cornered Copse. CH passed this onto the site Ranger and suggested the Field Officer team should be involved for enforcement.</p> <p>LB asked about the current state of the Coldean Woods bridge. JF keeps an eye on this – it looks ok at the moment but we have had very dry weather.</p> <p>LB – Members of Brighton MTB have volunteered to take out the pallet ramps they have installed at Wild Park (they have now done this as of 29/04/2019) and do some conservation work in Stanmer Park to help the bluebell areas – as they are often seen as damaging them.</p> <p>CH and LB are working towards a council meeting to discuss mountain biking on council land.</p>			
<p>9. Date of next meetings</p>	<p>18/07/2019</p>			

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