

Local Access Forum Meeting - Minutes		Date: 06-04-2017
Attendees John Funnell (JF) Luke Burstow (LB) Maire McQueeney (MM) Peter Jarman (PJ)	Chantelle Hoppé (CH) Stephanie Stammers (SS)	Apologies: Annie Brown (AB) Corinna Edwards Colledge (CEC) Andrew Coleman (AC) Dave Brookshaw (DB)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions	Responsibility	Date by
2. Minutes of Last meeting	<p>Outstanding Actions:</p> <p>Arranging a Missing Links / Historic Paths meeting. Awaiting for David Brookshaw to be back to make plans for this meeting at the Keep</p> <p>Balfour School access issues update: awaiting to see if the local community put in a DMMO application</p> <p>Signage of new permissive bridleway at Brighton & Hove Golf Club</p> <p>Amend the Record: Section one – Mayor’s Walk – changed from ‘the previous mayor’ to ‘a previous mayor’.</p>	<p>Contract David to set a date</p> <p>Chase SDNPA for a volunteer day</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>CH</p>	<p>Before July meeting</p>
3. Membership	<p>(MM) No news to report. We are still looking to recruit a couple of members who might represent disabled and equestrian interests.</p> <p>Corinna has changed her status on the group and is now a volunteer member, as opposed to a representative of the council in her capacity as Healthwalks Manager.</p>	<p>Mention membership at Open Spaces meeting</p>	<p>MM</p>	<p>July meeting</p>

<p>4. Information Updates</p>	<p><u>Maintenance & Management report (CH):</u> The majority of in-house maintenance has concentrated on health & safety issues raised from the PRow Survey (fixing gates and stiles). This is now mostly complete – a few outstanding stiles to fix at Ovingdean. Contractor works have seen surface improvements adjacent to the Saddlescomb Road; a new ramp on the permissive bridleway at 19 Acres and steps up to a gate at Patcham Open Access.</p> <p>New permissive paths have been cut at Hollingbury Golf. Awaiting signage</p> <p>Works outstanding: Surfacing of a section of easy access trail in Stanmer (nr Upper Lodges Wood) JF comment: contact Arch Soc re watching brief for these works; New gate installation on the Stanmer estate (where gates front onto Roads). LB comment: when installing new gates with kissing structures be aware of cycle users access</p> <p>Priorities (Spring – Summer 2017): Waymarking PRow from the road; tagging PRow furniture; survey of permissive network and roll-out of Adopt-a-Path volunteer scheme</p> <p><u>Legal Update:</u> DMMOs: Roedean application – was taken to Environment Committee for a decision for transparency as B&HCC is both the Highways Authority</p>	<p>Extension of FP B82 to cover this new section @ Saddlescomb</p> <p>Installation of Signage</p> <p>Work with contractors on this</p> <p>Pass this comment onto Stanmer Ranger</p> <p>Program of works</p>	<p>CH & SS</p> <p>CH / WF</p> <p>CH</p> <p>CH</p>	<p>By Oct meeting</p> <p>May</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>By Oct meeting</p>
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	<p>and landowner. The committee felt they didn't have sufficient information to make that decision. It was recommended the Roedean Residents Association refer the matter to the Secretary of State. Now awaiting the appeals process.</p> <p>The Twittens:</p> <p>These urban footpaths are being added to the Definitive Map using a Legal Event Modification Order – administrative process where it is clear the paths were created and there is historical evidence of a legal event (in this case, highways survey cards stating when the authority adopted the paths). A notice has gone in the paper and at civic buildings across the City, as well as on the website. Councillors have been consulted. This is to give people the opportunity to appeal against the legal process, rather than the existence on the footpaths.</p> <p>Mile Oak RB:</p> <p>Complaints have been received about the gating of a restricted byway in Mile Oak (RB P16) and on footpath (FP P17) – at the farm yard. The farmer has modified the gate to leave a gap of 1.63m on the restricted byway (BHS recommended gap for a horse and carriage). To the side of the gate on the footpath there is a 2m gap. These gates are left open during daylight hours and closed at night to stop unauthorised vehicles gaining access and fly tipping. The LAF are satisfied that access is not being obstructed to authorised users of these public rights of way. Now modifications have been made to the gate, waiting to see if further action is taken by the complainants.</p>	<p>Add the footpaths to the Def Map (if there are no objections)</p>	<p>CH</p>	<p>May'17</p>
<p>5. National LAF Conference</p>	<p>The next annual LAF conference will be held in Birmingham on Wednesday 21st June 2017. Still waiting on agenda. Carrs Lane, Birmingham B4 7SX (10:30–16:00)</p>	<p>Decide on attendance</p>	<p>MM</p>	<p>ASAP</p>

<p>6. Representation on the SDNPA LAF</p>	<p>The South Downs National Park Authority are looking for a representative from the Brighton & Hove area. Would any LAF members be interested in attending their meetings on a regular basis?</p> <p>Meetings are held quarterly, during the day (10:30am) at the South Downs Centre in Midhurst, West Sussex. Meetings cover all access issues in the National Park area. If anyone is interested please let Chantelle know.</p>	<p>Decide on membership & let CH know</p>	<p>ALL</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>7. AOB</p>	<p>(CH): FYI – Castle Hill Fencing – the farmer has started stock fencing areas of Balsdean Farm. Savills (the land agents) are in communication with the farmer over the width being left for bridleways on this land.</p> <p>(AC): Can we get an update on the Open Spaces Strategy and how it relates to Access? (LB) also commented that an update on the Stanmer plan – especially relating to cycle access – would be welcome</p> <p>A reminder of the Mayor’s charity bike rides on 23rd April (50 miles with the Mayor and 12 miles with the Mayoress) https://www.facebook.com/events/952253994909113/ and https://www.facebook.com/events/1012816698820231/; as well as the Brighton & Hove Boundary walk on 30th April https://www.facebook.com/events/373211503042213/</p> <p>A suggestion for LAF members to respond to the Toads Hole Valley planning consultation – particularly the idea of a link to the South Downs via a tunnel under the A27. https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/planning/planning-policy/toads-hole-valley-supplementary-planning-document (deadline 4th May 2017)</p>	<p>Invite Paul Campbell to next meeting</p>	<p>CH</p>	<p>Complete</p>

	<p>(PJ): raised the issue of making DMMO applications – is there a cut-off date after a route has been closed to the public, therefore, discontinuing the 20 years (+) use (e.g. the case of a permissive footpath in Ovingdean).</p> <p>(SS) response: there is a 2 year window to make a DMMO application once access has been denied to a route</p>			
8. Date of next meetings	6 th July, 5 th October 2017, 11 th January'18	Update on the Council website	CH	ASAP