

Local Access Forum Meeting - Minutes		Date: 08-12-2016
Attendees Annie Brown (AB) John Funnell (JF) Luke Burstow (LB) Maire McQueeney (MM) Peter Jarman (PJ)	The Mayor of Brighton & Hove, Councillor Pete West (The Mayor) David Larkin (DL) Chantelle Hoppé (CH) Stephanie Stammers (SS)	Apologies: Corinna Edwards Colledge (CEC) Andrew Coleman (AC) Dave Brookshaw (DB)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions	Responsibility	Date by
1. & 6. Welcome from the Mayor & talk on The Mayor's Walk / Brighton & Hove Boundary Walk	<p>The Mayor of Brighton & Hove welcomed the LAF group to the Mayor's Parlour and thanked them for all of their hard work and contributions towards improving access in the area. As a previous member of the LAF, The Mayor has particular interest in the group and the good work that has been achieved, for instance the ROWIP and Patcham Open Access.</p> <p>The Mayor's Walk on 30th April 2017: The idea of the Mayor's walk began with the previous Mayor, Ann Meadows and her boundary walk (a longer route that included the coastal area). The idea behind this walk is to create a shorter boundary route that can be achieved comfortably in a day (roughly 27km). The walk can also be done in shorter sections (accessed by public transport). It starts from Saltdean Oval, goes through Castle Hill, Falmer, Stanmer, Patcham Open Access, Waterhall and ends up at Emmaus in Portslade. There will be refreshment opportunities at Stanmer House, Waterhall Golf Club and Emmaus. (Perhaps a shuttle bus from Emmaus back to Saltdean for those that parked there?) Currently awaiting the leaflets to be produced by Rise – so that</p>			

	<p>people can start the online registration process. They will pay a fee and then gather sponsorship. It is hoped that The Mayor's charities will each put up sponsored walkers. Hopefully there should be a very good turn-out. Corinna is involved from the public health point of view. Dave has helped with planning of the route. The idea would be to have a dedicated Brighton & Hove Boundary Walk and that this might become an annual event.</p> <p>A discussion was had with the group, The Mayor finding out about areas of interest for individual members of the group and their contributions to access work.</p> <p>The Mayor then left to attend to council business while the meeting continued.</p>			
<p>3.Minutes of last meeting, matters arising & actions</p>	<p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed. Amendments – Andrew was present at the last meeting, it was Dave who gave apologies – sorry for the mistake!</p> <p>Actions Arising: Chantelle still to organise the missing links / historic ways meeting</p> <p>Update on meeting with Balfour re fencing off the school playing fields: Corinna, Andrew and Marie met with the Head of Balfour and a council officer to discuss. The school are very concerned about anti-social behaviour and the safety of students. The LAF members advised that, as the routes potentially being cut off satisfied the legal test of being used regularly and unhindered (without secrecy, permission or force), for 20 years or more – they were open to potential DMMO claims on the land. It was stressed that the LAF</p>	<p>Arrange meeting at the Keep</p> <p>Meet with the Head of Dorothy Stringer & keep the group informed</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>CEC</p>	<p>First quarter 2017</p> <p>Early 2017</p>

	<p>themselves were not planning on this course of action, merely giving advice. Corinna has also been in touch with the Head of Dorothy Stringer and a meeting is planned to discuss the matter further.</p>			
4.Membership update	<p>(MM) No news to report. We are still looking to recruit a couple of members who might represent disabled and equestrian interests. CH has one lead to follow up.</p>	Investigate any potential for new members	ALL	March 2017
5.Current News and Information Updates	<p><u>Maintenance & Management report (CH):</u> Since the rights of way survey in the summer, maintenance has concentrated on highest priority H&S issues e.g. broken stiles, gates that aren't stock proof. Mile oak – complaint about a locked gate on a RB, but adequate access to the side and only locked at night. Advice given to leave as is (due to issues of anti-social behaviour –unauthorised vehicles and fly-tipping), unless horse and carriage drivers want to use the restricted byway at night. The group agreed with this course of action. Another incident of conflict between walkers and golfers at Brighton & Hove Golf Club. Need to get signage sorted out on permissive BW. A lot of pot-hole work being carried out by Savills / Southern Water: Balsdean, Stanmer, Standean The group agreed the proposed new vehicle barrier and adjacent bridle gate on the BW B4 at Pickershill Farm (due to fly tipping and arson attack on barn). Proposed Highways budget spend on RoW improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saddlescombe road, verge surfacing (agreed) - 19 Acres, ramp to gate on permissive BW (agreed) - Patcham Open Access, steps to gate (agreed) - Waterhall, proposed hand-rail (not agreed) – potentially better to put in steps (may be with volunteers) 	<p>Sort out signage with SDNPA</p> <p>Let Savills know this has been agreed</p> <p>Liaise with Highways Team over planned works</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>CH</p> <p>CH</p>	<p>Early 2017</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sweet Hill, surfacing works (more investigation needed) - Balsdean, badger damage to BW (more investigation with NE) <p>Stanmer – money for improvements to RoW. Proposed putting in a hard surface on the easy access trail between the woods at Upper Lodges and the hedge line before Piddingworth Plantation. This will help in winter months, when the surface gets heavily poached by cattle. JF pointed out there should be an archaeological watching brief. (Agreed by the group. To be finalised by Parks Projects).</p> <p>Adopt-a-Path – volunteer surveying of the network. This is being piloted by Healthwalk Leaders in the new year. To be rolled out to the 1300 people on the Healthwalks database. LB suggested rolling out to Brighton MTB and JF suggested Archaeological Soc members.</p> <p><u>Legal Update:</u></p> <p>DMMOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meadowview has been added to the Def Map - Hollingbury & Burstead can now be added to the Def Map - Saddelscomb Road can now be added to the Def Map <p>The Twittens: the addition of the 500 urban footpaths has been put into one Legal Event order. This means it will only be one advert in the newspapers, rather than 500. The making of the notices to post on the footpaths is underway (230 complete). It is hoped that the whole process will be finished by June 2017.</p> <p>Coastal Path update: a meeting was held with the Port Authority, Adur DC, NE and Brighton & Hove CC. the route was agreed along the current footpath of South Basin Road, Shoreham Harbour, as there is no other safe, alternate route. NE are currently consulting with landowners.</p> <p>Update on Diversions working group meeting (see attached notes</p>	<p>Liaise with Parks Projects Team</p> <p>Contact ESCC re permit for watching brief</p> <p>Add to Def Map</p> <p>Finish Twitten notices</p> <p>Work on diversions – legal process</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>DL</p> <p>CH</p> <p>CH</p> <p>CH</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>When agreed</p> <p>Dec'16</p> <p>Mar'17</p> <p>Feb– Mar'17</p>
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	<p>from the meeting).</p> <p>Update on website. Due to changes in the land searches form (con29); with additional questions about rights of way on abutting land; it was decided to update the website. As well as publicising DMMO applications in the pipeline, Public Path Orders are now on the website also.</p> <p>www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/parks-and-green-spaces/rights-way</p> <p>New permissive access on Hollingbury Golf Course. A meeting was held with the golf club to discuss routes to allow dog walkers to safely cross the golf course and reduce conflict. 4 new permissive footpaths have been agreed. Ground works and signage are needed next.</p>	Ground clearance	CH (plus volunteers)	Jan-Mar'17
<p>7.British Horse Society Circular</p>	<p>The BHS are concerned that with the cut off date of 2026 (for adding pre1949 paths to the Def Map); LAFs may be complacent about any that appear on the List of Streets (LoS). Paths on the LoS are exempt from the cut-off. However, the LoS is not as robust a legal document as the Def Map and different authorities take different approaches to its maintenance. The concern is that paths could be deleted from the LoS without any due process or consultation.</p> <p>However, as Brighton & Hove are currently in the process of adding the 500 urban footpaths that appear on the List of Streets, to the Definitive Map, it is felt that this is not such as issue in this area. No further action is required.</p>			
<p>8.AOB</p>	<p>Land sales (CH)</p> <p>The only access on land parcels proposed for sale is on the one at Plumpton. The land is dedicated CROW Act access land in perpetuity – so that will remain whoever owns the land.</p>			

	<p>The sales are on hold at the moment while objections from conservation groups are being investigated.</p> <p>Stanmer Restoration Project (MM)</p> <p>In looking at objections to the proposed car parking arrangements, MM now has maps for the Stanmer Project. These she will send to CH to circulate. Planning permission has now been granted by the SDNPA.</p>	<p>Send maps to CH</p> <p>Send maps to group</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>CH</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>
9.Date of next meeting	23 rd March 2017, Hollingdean Depot, 6-8pm			