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COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM FOR WEST SUSSEX

A meeting of the Countryside Access Forum for West Sussex will be held at **10.30 a.m.** on **Wednesday 29th October 2008** in the **Meadows Room, Pulborough Village Hall, Lower Street, Pulborough, RH20 2BF**

A g e n d a

1. **Apologies and Welcome to New Members**
2. **Declaration of Interests**
Members and officers are invited to make any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it then becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is considered.
3. **Minutes** of the Forum meeting on 2nd July 2008 (copy [attached](#) page 4)
- Minute 67 – Pitshill diversion, Christine Luff to provide verbal update
4. **Actions and matters arising not covered by Agenda**
5. **Urgent Matters**
To consider any items not on the Agenda which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency due to special circumstances. If any member wishes to raise a matter under this heading they are asked to consult the Chairman or the Secretary before the meeting begins.
6. **Legal rights and responsibilities of the occupier/landowner relating to public access to the Countryside**
To receive a presentation from Karen Jones, Barrister with Thring Townsend Lee & Pembertons who provide NFU Legal Service to members in the south East (previously CLA Chief Legal Advisor) *(20 minutes followed by Q&A)*
7. **The Role of Volunteers in Rights of Way Management**
To receive a presentation from Ian Hartle, Volunteer Co-ordinator, South Downs Joint Committee, followed by a short Q&A session. *(30 minutes in total)*
8. **Access to Forestry Commission land**
Discussion to decide if the Forum wishes to make a response to the Forestry Commission following their presentation at the last meeting

9. **Working Groups**

To update on Working Groups:

- a) Access to the Countryside for Those with Limited Mobility
- b) Off Road Cycling
- c) Reviewing promotion of walking in West Sussex

10. **Sub Forums**

- a) [Coastal Plain](#), [Low Weald](#) and [High Weald](#) Sub Forums

To review election of Chairmen, membership, and Work Programme for 2008 and to note unconfirmed meeting notes (copy attached pages 11-14)

- b) South Downs Access Forum

To receive verbal update on work programme

11. **Current Strategic Developments**

To note submission of the following consultation responses:

- a) West of Bewbush Submission Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP) – response submitted
- b) Site 6 Bognor Regis – response submitted

12. **Current/Future Consultations**

To receive verbal updates on the following: -

- a) Pagham to East Head Coastal Defence Strategy – response submitted
- b) Fencing of Marley Common for management purposes, National Trust (see General Report or [page 15](#))
- c) Part 2 of the Commons Act 2006 (commons councils) – 28 November 2008
- d) Review of National Trails and Routes – due out soon
- e) Chichester Harbour Management Plan – pre-consultation response submitted, public consultation due out soon
- f) High Weald AONB Management Plan – due out soon

13. **Rights of Way Improvement Plan**

To note a report on the RoWIP workshop of 2nd July 2008 – [attached](#) page 16

14. **England Access Forum (EAF)**

To note minutes of the meeting of the EAF ([attached](#) page 18) and to receive a verbal update on selection of SE region representatives for EAF

15. **General Report**

To note a written report on items of interest to members of the Forum (report to follow separately) ***If members have questions in connection with the General Report, please could these be raised with Jane Noble, Forum Officer, prior to the meeting.***

16. **Agenda Items for the next Meeting of the Forum**

To consider agenda items for the next meeting.

17. **Matters for Information**

Members may bring to the attention of the Forum any matters that they feel other members should be made aware of.

18. **Date of Next Meeting and future dates**

The next meeting of the Forum will be held at 10:30am on Wednesday 23rd January 2009 at venue TBA. Following meetings will take place on:

- Wednesday 8th April 2009
- Wednesday 15th July 2009
- Wednesday 28th October 2009
- Wednesday 27th January 2010