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COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM FOR WEST SUSSEX

A meeting of the **Countryside Access Forum for West Sussex** (CAFWS) will be held at 10.15am on Wednesday 10th November 2010, in **Capron House, North Street, Midhurst**, West Sussex, GU29 9DT

A g e n d a

1. **Apologies and welcome**

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 21st July 2010 (copy [attached](#))

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. **WSCC Public Rights of Way Review**

To receive a verbal update on matters relating to the Public Rights of Way Review. A report on the Review considered by WSCC's Strategic Environmental Services Select Committee on 20th October 2010 is [attached](#) for the Forum's information

7. **South Downs National Park progress report**

To receive a verbal update on relevant matters relating to the South Downs National Park, including the development of the South Downs Local Access Forum

8. **Rights of Way Improvement Plans and the Sub Forums**

To receive a verbal report on the Sub Forums and to receive the notes of the Coastal Plain Sub Forum meeting that took place on 13th August 2010 ([attached](#))

9. **Current/future strategic developments**

- i) To note the CAFWS response to the following consultation:
 - Kilnwood Vale
- ii) To consider a CAFWS response to the following consultation:
 - Gatwick Flood Alleviation Scheme; Environment Agency

10. **Current/future consultations**

- i) To note the CAFWS response to the following consultations:
 - Local Transport Plan 3; WSCC (verbal update)
 - 'An invitation to shape the Nature of England'; a discussion document from Defra (response [attached](#)). The full document is available at ww2.defra.gov.uk/environment/natural/whitepaper
- ii) To consider a CAFWS response on the following consultations:
 - Future management of Ebernoe Common; Sussex Wildlife Trust. Summary report [attached](#), full details available at www.sussexwt.org.uk/reserves/page00013.htm

Relevant information to the above consultations can be found in the General Report

11. **Forestry Commission Access Group**

To receive a verbal update from the Working Group and to discuss the Government's proposals to reduce the levels of public ownership of the forestry estate with a greater role for private and civil society partners (further information is available in the General Report)

12. **General Report**

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

13. **Matters for information**

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

14. **Agenda items for future meetings of the Forum**

- To consider agenda items for future meetings:
- WSCC PRoW Review progress
 - CAFWS post-April 2011 and the establishment of the South Downs Local Access Forum
 - Network Rail – PRoW crossings of railways

- Rights of Way Improvement Plan

15. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Forum will be held at 10.15am on Wednesday 2nd February 2011 at County Hall North, Horsham. Subsequent meeting dates are as follows:

- 13th April 2011
- 20th July 2011
- 16th November 2011
- 1st February 2012

Following the meeting, members of the Forum will be invited to comment on the CAFWS webpages (www.westsussex.gov.uk/cafws) and the new interactive map showing rights of way (www.westsussex.gov.uk/iMap)