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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 2nd February 2011, in the Lewes Room, **County Hall North**, Chartway, Horsham, RH12 1XA

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 10th November 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. **Walking**

To receive presentations followed by Questions and Answers on the following:

- a) Walk England - Abi Walker and Jenny Humphries
- b) Horsham Health Walks - Jill Shulker, Horsham District Council

7. **WSCC Public Rights of Way Review progress report**

To receive a verbal report from the Forum Officer updating on the implementation of the new service delivery model for rights of way in West Sussex.

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

To receive a verbal update on relevant matters relating to the South Downs National Park.

9. **CAFWS post-April 2011**

To receive a report for discussion from the Forum Officer on future working arrangements for the Forum including;

- Planning for CAFWS post April 2011 (including map of new area) [attached](#)
Proposed Revised Terms of Reference ([attached](#)) and Standing Orders ([attached](#))

10. **Current/future strategic developments**

To note the CAFWS response to the following consultation:

- Gatwick Flood Alleviation Scheme; Environment Agency (*to follow*)

To receive a verbal update on the following consultation:

- A27 crossings; Balfour Beatty / Highways Agency

To consider the CAFWS response to the following consultation

- Draft Interim Statement: Managing Development in Horsham District; and the Draft Statement of Community Involvement

Responses have either been circulated or will follow shortly, all will be available to view at the meeting. Relevant information to the above consultations can be found in the General Report.

11. **Current/future consultations**

To note the CAFWS response to the following consultations:

- Future management of Ebernoe Common; Sussex Wildlife Trust
- Local Transport Plan 3; WSCC

To note the CAFWS pre-consultation correspondence and discuss a response to the following consultations:

- Proposed sell-off of Forestry Commission land - Defra

Responses have either been circulated or will follow shortly, all will be available to view at the meeting. Relevant information to the above consultations can be found in the General Report.

12. **Forestry Commission Access Group**

To note the letter to be sent to the Forestry Commission with proposals for access improvements at Eartham Woods, West Sussex ([attached](#))

13. **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.**

14. **Matters for information**

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

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

To consider agenda items for future meetings:

- Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
- WSCC Rights of Way review update
- Network Rail – PRoW crossings of railways
- Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Sustrans

16. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Forum will be held at 10.15am on Wednesday 13th April 2011 in Committee Room 2 at County Hall, Chichester. Subsequent meeting dates are as follows:

- 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)