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**COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM FOR WEST SUSSEX**

The Annual General Meeting of the Countryside Access Forum for West Sussex (CAFWS) will be held at **10.15am on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010**, in the **Council Chamber, Burgess Hill Town Council**, 96 Church Walk, Burgess Hill, RH15 9AS.

**A g e n d a**

1. **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**
2. **Apologies and welcome**
3. **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.

4. **Minutes** of the Forum meeting 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010 ([copy attached](#))
5. **Actions and matters arising not covered by agenda**
  - Minute 102 – CAFWS website
  - Minute 104 – WSCC's guided walks programme
  - Minute 112 – G Roads in West Sussex

6. **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.

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

- i) To receive a verbal update on the designation of the South Downs National Park
- ii) To receive a verbal report on the future of the South Downs Access Forum
- iii) To receive a verbal report on issues relating to the future management of Rights of Way in the South Downs National Park and the establishment of the WSCC Rights of Way Working Group

8. **Sub Forums**

To receive a verbal report on the Sub Forums

9. **Road safety issues relating to countryside access for non-motorised users (NMUs)**

To receive presentations from:

- i) West Sussex County Council
- ii) Highways Agency

A question and answer session will follow the presentations

10. **Rights of Way Improvement Plan – CAFWS priority projects**

To receive a verbal report from the Chairman on the priority projects and the report to the Rights of Way Committee ([attached](#))

11. **West Sussex County Council Rights of Way Annual Report**

To receive a presentation on the work of West Sussex County Council's Rights of Way Service in 2009/10

12. **Current/future strategic developments**

- i) To note the CAFWS response to the following consultations:
  - A27 Castle Goring/Holt Farm – new pedestrian / cycle / equestrian crossing ([attached](#))
- ii) To receive a verbal update on the West of Bewbush development

13. **Current/future consultations**

- i) To consider a CAFWS response on the following:
  - Consultation on regulations for making representations and objections to coastal access proposals – Natural England [www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/coastal-access2010/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/coastal-access2010/index.htm)
- ii) Members are asked to note the CAFWS response to the following consultations:
  - Coastal Access – Natural England's Scheme ([attached](#))
  - Local Transport Plan 3 – West Sussex County Council ([attached](#))
  - Existing direction restricting access under Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (fire direction) – no comments were received so a response was not sent

All responses to consultations can be viewed at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/cafws](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/cafws).

14. **South East Region**

- i) To receive a verbal report on the LAF South East regional conference
- ii) To receive a verbal report on the Regional Meeting concerning equestrian issues and access to Forestry Commission land. An outline of the proposed LAF action is [attached](#)

15. **England Access Forum**

To receive an update on the England Access Forum. A recent letter sent to all Local Access Forum Chairmen by Duncan Graham (Chairman of the England Access Forum) is [attached](#) for information.

16. **Burgess Hill Green Circle Project**

To receive an introduction to the Burgess Hill Green Circle Project, prior to members' site visit following the meeting

17. **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.**

18. **Matters for information**

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

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

To consider agenda items for future meetings:

- The High Weald AONB Unit
- Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Health Walks
- Farming issues and the access opportunities of stewardship schemes (higher level)

20. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Forum will be held at 10.15am on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010. Subsequent meeting dates are as follows:

- 10th November 2010
- 2nd February 2011

Members are invited to an afternoon site visit following the meeting to learn about access improvements associated with the Burgess Hill Green Circle project.