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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 28th October 2009**, in the **Parnham Room, County Hall North, 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 15th July 2009 (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. **South Downs National Park progress report**

To receive a verbal update on the designation of the South Downs National Park and to discuss a paper compiled by the SDJC's Countryside Services Manager on the South Downs National Park Local Access Forum ([attached](#))

7. **CAFWS Progress Report: April 2007 – March 2009**

To receive copies of the Progress Report and to comment on its distribution

8. **Working Groups**

To receive a verbal update on the Cycling Working Group and the Promoting Walking in West Sussex Working Group

9. Sub Forums

To receive a verbal report on the Sub Forums and to note the unconfirmed minutes of recent Low Weald Sub Forum on 30th September 2009 ([attached](#))

10. Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP)

- i) To receive a verbal update on the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and RoWIP integration – a good practice note has recently been published by Natural England (enclosed for members)
- ii) To receive a verbal update on WSCC Developer Funded Schemes List – www.westsussex.gov.uk/ccm/content/roads-and-transport/development-control/developer-funded-scheme-list.en

11. Current/future strategic developments

- i) To receive a verbal update and to consider a CAFWS response Horsham District Council's West of Bewbush development proposal (draft response [attached](#))
- ii) To note the CAFWS response to the following consultations:
 - Worthing Borough Council: Revised Core Strategy ([attached](#))
 - Horsham District Council: Assessment of PPG17 (to follow)
 - Medmerry Stakeholder Advisory Group: Medmerry Managed Realignment ([attached](#))

12. Current/future consultations

- i) To receive a verbal update and to consider a CAFWS response on the following:
 - Defra: Consultation on the proposal to amend the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 for coastal access (report [attached](#)). The closing date for responses is 1st December 2009 and full details can be found at www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/coastal-access/index.htm
 - Forestry Commission: South Down Forest Design Plan – members are asked to consider a response to this pre-consultation request for issues (report [attached](#))
- ii) Members are asked to note the CAFWS response to the following consultations:
 - Forestry Commission: The role of the public forest estate ([attached](#))
 - Department for Transport: A Safer Way ([attached](#))

All responses to consultations can be viewed at www.westsussex.gov.uk/cafws.

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 the next meeting of the Forum**

To consider agenda items for the next meeting.

- The A27 and dangerous highway crossings
- WSCC Cabinet Member and cycling in West Sussex
- The High Weald AONB Unit
- Rights of Way Improvement Plan

16. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Forum will be held at 10.15am on Wednesday 27th January 2010 at County Hall, Chichester. Subsequent meeting dates are as follows:

- 28th April 2010
- 21st July 2010
- 10th November 2010
- 2nd February 2011