**Brighton & Hove Local Access Forum**

**Thursday 11th April 2013**

**Committee Room 1, Hove Town Hall**

**Present**

**Chairperson:** John Funnell

***Local Access Forum (LAF) members:***

Andrew Coleman, Anthony Young, David Brookshaw, Maire McQueeney, Peter Jarman,

Cllr. Ian Davey

***BHCC officers****:*

Cllr Ian Davey (Deputy Leader of the Council) Robert Walker (Parks & Green Space Operations), Ruth Gold (Minutes)

***Welcome:*** *Michael Bates, Geoffrey Cooke and Graham Butler all welcomed to the LAF.*

**1. Apologies**

Tracey Beverley, Stephen Young, Cllr Pete West, Penny Hudd

**2. Minutes of previous meeting (04/10/12)**

All members agreed that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the meeting.

***Action 2.1 - TB****: to obtain a list of tenant farmers from Jessica Hamilton*

*DB requested that an open invitation note be sent to Jessica Hamilton (on behalf of the LAF) to*

*be forwarded to land owners mentioning their presence at the LAF would be welcomed.*

***Action 2.2 - TB***: to ask Robert Keelan (Housing Manager) about access to Silvern Halls re: green infrastructure.

RW clarified to DB that Housing and Property Services are the departments’ that control council run land.

DB enquired whether the missing links had been resolved?

RW elaborated to DB on how ownership of land is run by the council.

***Action 2.3 – RW***: *to follow up on Ballsdean Gate.*

**3. Matters Arising**

DB informed the group that he recently attended the LAF National Conference in Sheffield.

***Action 3.1 TB***: DB asked for TB to circulate his notes from the Sheffield Conference to LAF members and that if members had any questions to send these back to DB to answer.

DB mentioned that the Southeast Regional Conference is taking place on 21st May and asked for TB to circulate an invite to members. DB asked members if anybody would like to volunteer to attend and commented that it would be good if TB could go.

AY mentioned that he would be attending in a different capacity but that he would be able to provide feedback from the Conference to members.

**4. Developing Twitten Maps, a good idea? (topic for discussion)**

Twitten Maps were distributed to attendees for comments/feedback.

PJ said he had a presentation on urban footpaths; RW suggested PJ give the presentation to Carl Hearson to find out the the legal definition on how things currently stand. PJ commented that if these were not put on the definite map they could be lost. GB mentioned that there was a National Register of Listed Streets.

Public Rights of Way 2026 Report currently being drafted - Dave Watson is the person dealing with progress of the report - once it has been published the LAF can then decide on how to deal with it.

Concern was relayed from various members about Highways that should be recorded on the map, discussion ensued on issues involved in making this happen.

***Action 4.1 ID:***  Suggested Carl Hearson gets invited along to one of these meetings once the report has been published.

AY suggested that the LAF should be supportive of these twitten maps.

***Action 4.2 RW:*** Requested we obtain a formal reply from Carl Hearson on whether we are in danger of losing the maps?

**5. Transport Written update (provide by Tracy Beverley)**

Written update to the group read by Chair, John Funnell on the following:

- LSTF Lewes Road Corridor

- LSTF Access to National Parks

- Progress update on BHCC schemes.

\*DB requested a copy of the update be circulated with the minutes.

***Action 5.1: DB*** Asked that a relevant officer present information on Ditchling Rd and proposed 2013/14 LTP allocations for Access to parks and Open spaces..

***Action 5.2: ID*** asked for a specific plan to be sent out on Old Boat Corner to AC. This action has now been completed.

AY commented that the council should be congratulated on what we’ve achieved with LSTF.

AY commented that there was need for some improvements along Coldean Lane footpath and elaborated on his reasons for this including lack of signage. ID refuted AY on his comment that nothing is being done and suggested he email Robin Reed if he has a specific suggestion.

**6. City Parks update and Ranger Update (Robert Walker)**

RW mentioned there were problems with Portslade & Hove definitive map so will check in County Records Office to see if they have more comprehensive information, otherwise he will need to go to Carl Hearsum.

**Action 6.1 RW** will see what can be printed off and bring to the next LAF meeting.

RW then enquired whether one of his colleagues who is at the Federation of the Disabled could attend a LAF meeting.

AC asked RW if the missing part of the handrail next to the ramp opposite 36 Preston Park Avenue could be replaced.

**7. Status of the existing pathway Roedean footpath (Peter Jarman)**

Letter to Chairman of Residents Association of Roedean read out. A response has not yet been received from Carl to Peter although Carl replied to Chair of RRA on 21st January.

**Action 7.1 –** DB asked can we have a reply to PJ’s original address from Carl?

**8. Hove Promenade** *(Should the LAF support cycling on Hove Promenade? Discussion & vote) -* David Brookshaw;

DB explained that this project has temporarily been put on hold until the entire seafront strategy has become clear.

ID – Mentioned that a petition has been submitted and that officers will look at viability of cycle path on promenade and said it would be good to have views of the LAF on this:

AC said he hasn’t witnessed any conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists on this stretch of the seafront and that it would be good to spread out some of the cyclists, as the cycle lane above the promenade gets very busy and thinks it would make things safer - suggested perhaps some enforcement signage. AY commented that he thought it was more dangerous between the two piers. ID commented that behaviour is different when using shared space compared to segregated space. ID informed group that we will continue to use consultants for this as capacity of workforce is restricted.

**9. AOB**

PJ – Seen notice from Carl to the Ramblers Association – the footpath along Kingsway has been agreed.

MM –It is the 10th Anniversary of Health Walks so there will be special walks with options to walk along bridle ways (happening in six sessions) which will be advertised.

**Date of next meeting;**

**04/07/2013**

**Chairperson: Peter Jarman**