

Members (and their primary interests):

- Elliot Cairnes, Chairman (Walking)
- John Barber (Motorcycles)
- Ian Wilks (Walking)
- Avril Sleeman (Equestrian)
- Paul Marshall (Mountain Biking)
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- 7.1 Issues discussed regarding the Highway 'red line.' Elliot raised a concern about the routes of Bridleways going around the roundabouts outside the red line and associated safety risk. Discussion ranged around liaison between SCC and National Highways. Important role for SCAF in getting best outcome for users, particularly NMU

Draft letter to SCC Highways/Countryside Access and National Highways asking them to liaise on access issues.

- 7.2 Avril asks if the current RoWs are in a satisfactory condition. Elliot opines that the new routes will see more use.
- 7.3 The new road access to Wisley RHS garden will potentially increase traffic movement over road bridge. The stub roundabout was discussed and whether it is ancillary to the proposed Wisley new town development. A need for Pegasus crossings on the stub roundabout was highlighted.
- 7.4 The entrance to Wisley RHS is to be moved further down Wisley Lane. Some discussion on looking at moving existing RoWs away from unprotected road crossings. New RoW concepts are being looked at with NMU proposals from National Highways. Mary Ann highlighted a role for SCAF in scrutinising these.
- 8.1 Rob reported on the AONB Boundary extension. 100 square km extension towards Croydon and Happy valley which is now at full consultation. Discussion as to the role of SCAF in consulting on this; as only appropriate for comment if there is a direct impact on Rights of Way.
- 8.2 10.2 Question raised about potential for National Park designation, Rob responds that there is no formal proposal from the AONB on this. The boundary extension and National Park are separate processes.
- 8.3 10.3 Gail asks about open access and equestrian accessibility, and the negative impact of larger visitor numbers. Rob states that that user traffic will be directed to mitigate impacts of access, via funding for gateway sites such as Box Hill, Newlands corner – there will be an emphasis on disabled user access at these sites. Also, lottery funding is being pursued, for education and engagement.
- 8.4 10.4 Further discussion on the interface and possible conflicts between equestrian and cycle access. Promoted routes are expected to be accessible from car parking sites, with Horse access expected. Proper conduct when walking dogs is also to be encouraged with signage along key routes.
- 8.5 10.5 Problems with dogs, illegal coursing, and unauthorised use with vehicles is discussed. Identified that there can be difficulties for police acting on reports, when illegal use is in a minority.

: Table discussion on dangerous dogs/police issues for further meeting.

- 9.1 Yasmin from Surrey Coalition gave her apologies, she will be in attendance for the July meeting.
- 9.2 Neil raised accessibility on Thursley Common – the Boardwalk installed has been largely successful, issue is with different landowners to coordinate access for disabled users. Rob says SCDP is undertaking Audit on Thursley Common.
- 9.3 Gareth asks about downgrading of Bridleways. Rob raises concerns regarding funding. Mary Ann states that achieving a downgrade is difficult. Gareth has a concern with Traffic regulation orders, although these are separate from downgrading status, and usually act to restrict motorised traffic.

Table agenda item for July meeting to discuss at greater length, with input from Surrey Coalition.

- 10.1 Claire Saunders introduced Sharon Bayne, who will be carrying out Surrey's ROWIP. The ROWIP must be reviewed every 10 years and is a statutory requirement for all Local Authorities to carry out, as set in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act.
- 10.2 The ROWIP is intended to be a strategic document, looking at ways to improve the Rights of Way network in Surrey. Intent is to look at opportunities for exercise, recreation and enjoyment, and access for Disabled group. The review needs to be balanced on the needs of the public, identify which groups use the network to a greater or lesser extent, but not overrepresent any one group.
- 10.3 The ROWIP is in an initial stage. Over the course of the project, Sharon will be looking to engage with the public and other key stakeholders, including SCAF, landowners, parish and District/Borough Councils, minority groups, interest groups such as the Ramblers and BHS, and the AONB.
- 10.4 Considerations will be on Climate change, environment and visitor economy. Sharon highlighted key areas for engagement, assessment and evidence: Analysis, condition, demographics, infrastructure, economy, heritage, and 'Horizon scanning' – looking at the likely requirements for the network and public need in the future.
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SCAF to establish a sub-group to begin working on response to the ROWIP.

11.1 The forward plan was discussed, amendments made and new suggestion added.

amend Forward Plan as discussed

11.2 SCAF to look at promotion of the forum on Facebook / social media platforms.

11.3 upcoming subgroup meeting with the Wey and Arun Canal Trust, to be reported back to July SCAF meeting.

12.1 Outstanding consultations were noted.

13.1 Pamela mentions Community infrastructure levy. Depending on size of development, funding put in pot for strategic routes. Authority can apply for CIL funding, Elmbridge and Tandridge are applying for this.

13.2 Mary-Ann gave an update about SCC reporting software, that tweaks are upcoming to the CAMS system. There is additional resource in the team to deal with the backlog.

The dates for the following meetings are as follows:

- Monday 17 July 2023 1.30pm
Warren Farm Barns
- Monday 16 October 2023 1.30pm
Venue to be confirmed