The Surrey Countryside Access Forum

Minutes of the meeting of the Surrey Countryside Access Forum held online via Microsoft teams Monday, 24 January 2022

Present:

Members (and their primary interests):

Elliot Cairnes, Chairman (Walking)

Ian Russell, (Motor Vehicles)

Pamela Lyman (Land management)

Avril Sleeman (Equestrian)

Thor Simpson (Walking)

John Barber (Motorcycles)

Gareth Jex (Motor Vehicles)

Ian Wilks (Walking)

Penny Carey (Equestrian)

Vicky Keller (Countryside Management)

Corinna Osborne-Patterson (Landowner)

3.1 Rob Fairbanks,

3.11 Rob said he is happy to discuss more offline to decide the best way to collaborate

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2021 were confirmed as a correct record with minor amendments.

5. Matters arising / Action points

5.1 Members do not recall receiving the consultation for the Notice of Intention of making a Traffic Regulation Order on Wolvens Lane.

Action – Joanne to find out what stage the process is at.

5.2 Ian Wilks wants to ensure that the Wey and Arun Canal Trust put in the application correctly to divert a section of the Downslink to enable the reinstatement of the canal and that there will be a proper consultation. Penny said that the BHS has sent lots of information to the Canal Trust regarding this issue.

Action – Joanne will find out if anything has been submitted to the county council yet and that Surrey County Council will ask colleagues to ensure that the Wey and Arun Canal Trust follow the correct procedure when making an application to divert the Downslink.

Action – Joanne to invite someone from the Wey and Arun Canal Trust to a SCAF meeting.

5.3 Rob Fairbanks will attend further SCAF meetings to ensure that Interests are involved in issues in the Surrey Hills AONB.

6. Matters dealt with since the previous meeting

6.1 Avril explained the background to the response regarding North Park Farm Quarry consultation that was sent to Surrey County Council. Avril said that a part of the quarry that has had working completed on it could have the rights of way that were diverted reinstated now and that would make future consultations easier to deal with.

Action – Joanne to find out from Mary Ann Edwards, Senior Countryside Access Officer if she knows if the paths can be reinstated / dedicated now.

Action – Avril and Ian will look to see if they can agree routes for the rights of way across the site.

7. Countryside Access Management System (CAMS) demonstration

7.1 Joanne provided a demonstration of how to report issues into CAMS through the Surrey website, how these issues then appear in CAMS internally and how they are dealt with

Action - Joanne to circulate presentation

7.2 Yasmine asked if the web reporting page has been tested by anyone with a visual impairment?

Action - Ask John Baker where a medium kissing gate was put in recently

Action – Find out what gates Hampshire County Council have been putting in recently

11. Outstanding consultations