

1. A27 Worthing and Lancing improvements (Agenda item 6)

- 1.1 Highways England (HE) will be holding a public consultation about the A27 Worthing and Lancing improvements scheme between Wednesday 19 July and Tuesday 12 September 2017. The scheme aims to improve traffic flow, journey times, safety and accessibility, boost local economic growth and minimise the impact on the environment.
- 1.2 HE will include a number of public consultation events. Those in July are listed below:
- Wednesday 19 July (4-8pm) -Richmond Room, Worthing Assembly Hall, Stoke Abbott Road, Worthing, BN11 1HQ
 - Tuesday 25 July (1-8pm) - Harriet Johnson Centre, Old School House, Loose Lane, Sompting, BN15 0BG
 - Saturday 29 July (10am - 2pm) - Impulse Leisure – Lancing Manor,Manor Road, Lancing, BN15 0PH
- 1.3 From 19 July onwards the A27 Worthing Lancing improvements website will have key information about the proposals, including the brochure, online questionnaire, frequently asked questions, various background reports and supporting information. Please visit: www.highways.gov.uk/a27Worthing-and-Lancing.

2. England Coast Path update from Natural England (NE)

- 2.1 South Haying to Easthead (SHE) –NE) is finalising a preferred route for Haling Island, otherwise a preferred route now exists for the SHE stretch in West Sussex. The report for this stretch is currently due for publication in late Summer (August or September).
- 2.2 East Head to Shoreham (EHS) - The EHS stretch now has a preferred route. and is rapidly approaching publication of the report.
- 2.3 The report, with route proposals, is currently due for submission to the Secretary of State (SoS) in August 2017. Once published landowners and occupiers will have an 8 week period in which to make any objections and representations. Copies of the report and guidance on how to make an objection or representation will be sent to all affected owners and occupiers. Any such submissions received are forwarded to Defra, who appoints the Planning Inspectorate to adjudicate and advise the SoS, who ultimately approves, or approves with modification, NE’s recommendations.

3. West Sussex Cycling and Walking Strategy

- 3.1 Andy Moulard, WSCC Local Transport Improvements Officer, WSCC, has provided the following update on the [West Sussex Cycling and Walking Strategy](#) for the Forum:
- County officers are required to report progress to the Environmental and Community Services Select Committee (ECSSC) in the autumn and have therefore commenced a review of the progress made to date.
 - The National Highways and Transport (NHT) survey 2016 shows a slight improvement in public satisfaction levels relating to walking and cycling

provision in West Sussex compared to 2015 – and in particular with cycling provision.

- Three of the suggested routes contained within the strategy have been identified for feasibility work during 2017/18 through the County Council’s emerging Local Transport Improvement Programme (LTIP) process, and around 30 other schemes – which are at various stages in development – are being progressed through other WSCC delivery mechanisms, by our partners, or through local development projects. The three LTIP schemes are:
 - Ifield Avenue, Crawley – upgrade existing footway to shared use path
 - Various contra-flow cycle routes in Horsham town centre and formalising cycling through the Lynd Cross area
 - A24 North of Worthing Phase 1 (Findon Valley to Findon) – upgrade the existing footway to shared use path
- S106 developer funding has been identified in relation to the Crawley and Horsham schemes, although no developer funding is available for the North of Worthing scheme. This scheme is likely to be the subject of a bid to the Coast to Capital LEP.
- The County Council, the South Downs National Park Authority, and a number of the Local Planning Authorities in West Sussex have applied for DfT consultancy advice in relation to development of Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs). Should these applications be successful then it is likely that the development of LCWIPs will increase the pace at which the potential schemes listed in the strategy can be progressed.

4. Graham Elvey receives Ramblers Award

- 4.1 At a recent meeting of the Ramblers Area Council WSLAF member Graham Elvey was presented with an award for his “outstanding contribution to walking”. In addition to effectively managing, for seven years, the role of West Sussex Area Footpath Officer with a team of 60 plus Local Footpath Secretaries, he took on the task of re-launching the 150 mile long Sussex Border Path (SBP). A big thank you to Graham from both Sussex Ramblers and all walkers in the two counties.

5. Rampion Wind Farm

- 5.1 Construction of the Rampion Offshore Wind Farm off Shoreham, and the associated installation of cabling to the sub-station at Bolney, is progressing well, with all the cables in. WSCC PRow service reports that E-on has managed the path closures effectively, minimising disruption to path users. Further information on the scheme can be found on the [Rampion website](#).

6. Water access on the Wey and Arun Canal

- 6.1 Canoeists, kayakers and paddle boarders can now explore the peaceful Loxwood section of the Wey and Arun canal more easily, thanks to new landing stages installed during the winter season. The Canal Trust has a partnership with British Canoeing, the national governing body for paddle sports in the UK, who kindly provided a grant to fund the landing stages and approved the design. Members of British Canoeing enjoy free access to the Wey & Arun Canal, while other visitors pay a small licence fee. The Canal Trust sees the restored canal as a benefit for everyone, whether they take to

the water in a boat or simply enjoy the canal from the towpath, as a walker, cyclist or horse rider.

7. WSCC Rights of Way (ROW) Committee and Definitive Map Changes

- 7.1 The last meeting of the WSCC ROW Committee was on 11th July 2017. The next meeting is scheduled for. All papers can be found www.westsussex.gov.uk/about-the-council/how-the-council-works/committees-and-decision-making/statutory-committees/rights-of-way-committee.

The Secretary of State's inspector has made the following decisions:

- Shermanbury - confirmed diversion and extinguishment orders relating to footpaths 2382 and 2384
- Worthing footpath 3767 - confirmed a DMMO adding a new footpath to the definitive map,
- West Hoathly - refused an appeal against WSCC's decision that a DMMO be not made.

WSCC will be confirming diversion orders for the following paths: East Lavington footpaths 724 and 991, Graffham footpaths 987, 2881 and bridleway 1004, Henfield footpath 2524 and Nuthurst footpaths 1716 and 1815. These are listed in the papers for the 11 July meeting, under Agenda item 6a, which also includes the current state of other orders.

8. WSLAF Future Meetings

- 8.1 All meetings will start at 10.30am (tea/coffee at 10.15am) and are followed by lunch for members and speakers. Dates and venues for the coming year are shown in the table below.

Date	Venue	Proposed Topic / Speaker to include
Wed 18/10/17	Chichester	Shared use of Public Footpaths
Wed 30/1/18	Horsham	To be decided by Forum + AGM

Other suggested speakers: Forestry Commission, Highways Agency, Network Rail, WSCC Officer to explain Infrastructure Project delivery and role of CLCs.

9. Neighbouring LAFs

- 9.1 South Downs Local Access Forum (SDLAF)

Next meetings:

- 26 July 2017 – South Downs Centre, Midhurst
- 30 November 2017 – South Downs Centre, Midhurst

<http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/get-involved/local-access-forum>.

WSLAF link member Tricia Butcher / Glynn Jones

- 9.2 Brighton & Hove Local Access Forum

Next meetings:

- Thursday 5 October 2017 at 6pm
- Thursday 11 January 2018 at 6pm

Further dates have not been published on their website

<http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/index.cfm?request=c1238738>

- 9.3 East Sussex Local Access Forum

The next meeting:

- 25 October 2017

Further dates have not been published on their website

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/countryside/rightsofway/rights-of-way-in-east-sussex/local-access-forum/east-sussex-local-access-forum/>

9.4 Surrey Local Access Forum (SLAF)

- Monday 17 July 2017
- Monday 16 October 2017

<http://new.surreycc.gov.uk/environment-housing-and-planning/countryside/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/surrey-countryside-access-forum>

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