

# West Sussex Local Access Forum



## 3 Year Rolling Work Programme Feb 2014 - Feb 2017

Objectives	Key Actions
<b>Theme; Membership/ Training</b>	
Increase Membership (balanced).	Organise and run recruitment campaign; Review recruitment paperwork incl application form and add to web. Identify key interests and skills required from applicants to create balanced Forum. Full membership by October 2014 meeting.
Promote training - through speakers at meetings and new member training.	Invite West Sussex County Council Officers/Network Rail/Highways Agency/Forestry Commission Officer to meetings Organise and provide member training. Members attend National and Regional Conferences and report back to Forum
Encourage member involvement in projects.	Review project list at meetings. Identify key projects and project leaders
<b>Theme; RoW Maintenance/ improvement</b>	
Understand and monitor how West Sussex County Council manages Public Rights of Way, including bridleway and bridges programmes.	General Report presented to each meeting.
	PRoW Annual report presented at April meeting.
	Invite speakers and promote discussion at meetings
Invite Access Rangers and Rights of Way Officers to meetings.	Forum Officer to arrange in line with programme of speakers.
Engage with District and Parish Councils, and County Local Committees - when appropriate.	Continue to raise WSLAF profile with district and parish councils. Members encouraged to attend parish council and County Local Committee (CLC) meetings to raise WSLAF profile
Monitor Volunteer Work Programme and assist recruitment if required.	Invite West Sussex County Council Volunteer Co-ordinator to attend WSLAF each year to provide an annual report and update (April meeting)
Monitor Bridleway and Bridges work programmes.	Annual reports provided by West Sussex County Council Officers
Promote responsible access.	At each meeting consider if any of the matters covered in the meeting is appropriate for a press release to local papers/radio.
<b>Theme; Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) follow-up</b>	
Review progress and project lists.	RoWIP list (South of Downs), to review and update project lists
	RoWIP lists (North and South of the Downs) - Updates on live projects circulated to members at meetings, and discussed as
Seek active pursuit of key projects (not covered below). WSLAF Members/West Sussex County Council/other partners.	Bramber - Downs Link A283 Crossing
	Balcombe - Footpath creation parallel to B2036 (west side) from Station to meet Footpath 22aBa
	Manhood Peninsular - Medmerry Managed Realignment
	Crawley - formal bridleway dedication of 3 strategic routes.
Seek grants for access - where appropriate.	Identify likely projects and partners

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<b>Theme; Highways Agency/West Sussex County Council Highways</b>	
Highways Agency - Seek to influence Non-motorised user (NMU) Trunk Road (A27/A23) crossings.	Liaison with Highway Agency
Highways Agency - Input to A23 Handcross to Warninglid scheme for non-motorised users (NMUs).	Monitor and continue to liaise with Highways Agency
<b>Theme; Forestry Commission</b>	
Monitor and comment on proposed changes brought about by the Independent Panel on Forestry Review	Observe and record the impact of changes to access on the forestry estate
Continue to seek access improvements at Eartham - additional routes.	Seek regular updates from Forestry Commission and liaise with other interested parties (National Trust / South Downs Local Access Forum). Attend meetings when required.
Engage with Forestry Commission to improve access to forests/woodlands in WSLAF area.	Liaise with key Forestry Commission personnel to secure additional routes (Gravetye/Tilgate/St.Leonard's).
<b>Theme; Local Development - rights of way and access improvements</b>	
Monitor and input to Local Development Frameworks.	Read and comment on consultations. Set up working groups as necessary, or member liaison by email.
<b>Theme; Local Development - rights of way and access improvements cont.</b>	
Input to strategic developments (Rights of Way and access protection/improvement).	Comment as appropriate, liaise with West Sussex County Council and district and borough council planning officers. Set up working group
Respond to consultations - where appropriate, in line with WSLAF	Discuss consultations at meetings, if necessary set up working group, or member liaison by email
<b>Theme; Government/ Strategic Consultations</b>	
Respond when relevant to WSLAF work.	Discuss consultations at meetings, if necessary set up working group, or member liaison by email
<b>Theme; Liaise with neighbouring Forums and Natural England</b>	
Gain understanding of the issues and matters being considered by neighbouring Local Access Forums (LAFs), especially South Downs LAF.	Nominate members to monitor meetings /papers and report back. Chairmen to meet informally to discuss issues, ideally annually.
Use networks to keep up to date with current access and rights of way matters	Monitor Huddle and provide feedback to the Forum on matters of interest