

1. Improvement Projects – updates

- 1.1 **Downs Link – A281 crossing at Rudgwick** - The project is currently in design phase. After Horsham DC's unsuccessful Levelling Up Fund (LUF) bid there is an issue with funding the project overall. It is expected the design investigation will continue over the next year (2023/24). *Update provided by Ian Myhill, WSCC.*
- 1.2 **NMU crossing of the A283 at Washington (LTIP0173)** - Unfortunately, this project will probably have to be called off as it is proving too difficult to agree a way forward due to the high costs of construction, the complex design issues, and having to comply with the South Downs National Park Authority's dark skies policy. WSCC hopes to look into other options available to use the available S106 funds. *Update provided by Ian Myhill, WSCC.*
- 1.3 **WSCC Active Travel Score** - WSCC currently scores a level 0 in the active Travel England (ATE) active travel assessment. This means WSCC is not allowed to bid into current active travel fund windows. WSCC believes it is not far from level one status and is working with ATE to improve its score in time for reassessment this summer. It hopes to be in the right position to resume the active travel journey and is working to improve the culture within the Council of delivering active travel infrastructure. *Update provided by Ian Myhill, WSCC.*
- 1.4 The Government has announced a £200m cut the active travel budget in England, which will inevitably affect the schemes that can be delivered.
- 1.5 **Kithurst Car Park** – Horsham District Council are taking over responsibility from WSCC for this well used car park in the South Downs National Park.
- 1.6 **A27 Arundel bypass** - The Department for Transport has confirmed that this scheme will be deferred to the third Road Investment Strategy (RIS3), covering 2025 to 2030, to allow time for stakeholders' views to be fully considered. Further information can be found on the [National Highways](#) website. This will have a knock-on effect to delay the de-trunking of the existing A27 in this area.
- 1.7 **GLaM (Green Lanes on the Manhood)** - HB attended the recent GLaM meeting and has been asked to evidence the level of need for equestrian routes by identifying stables /horse populations and plotting paths used currently and paths needed as links or new routes by the next GLaM meeting.
- 1.8 **Rampion 2** – the proposed meeting was cancelled. There has been some targeted consultation with landowners, relevant residents and key public bodies on the 3km cable route from Myrtle Grove to Sullington Hill within the South Downs National Park.
- 1.9 **Woodside Underpass, Hassocks** – The diversion of 5K has now been confirmed. Network Rail have not yet signed and returned agreement to upgrade a section to bridleway.

2. Natural England (NE) support for LAFs

- 2.1 NE has been in touch with all LAFs and is updating its contact list. Once up to date the plan is to set-up a dedicated LAF SharePoint site to help facilitate communications and admin between forums and between LAFs and NE. LAFs will be contacted again to discuss the purpose, form and content of the proposed SharePoint site.

3. WSCC Rights of Way – Definitive Map changes

3.1 Below are the changes made to the Definitive Map since the last formal WSLAF meeting:

- **Billingshurst 3793** (HA 1980, S25) – 151m of new Public Footpath
- **Burgess Hill 21BH and 64BH** (Permissive Agreement with WSCC) – 414m of permissive cycleway with in Burgess Hill urban area
- **Hassocks 5K** (HA 1980, s119) – Diversion over railway
- **Haywards Heath 28Cu** (Town and Country Planning Act 1990 S257) - diversion due to development
- **Hurstpierpoint 3736 and 3737** (HA 1980, s25) – 70m of new Public Bridleway (upgrade from Footpath). Part of Burgess Hill Green Circle.
- **Hurstpierpoint 3790** (HA 1980, S25) – 540m of new Bridleway (alongside the A2300)
- **Medmerry area:**
 - **Sidlesham 3791 and 3791** (Highways Act (HA) 1980, s25) – 1,120m (approx.) of new Public Footpath
 - **Sidlesham P44** – (Permissive Agreement with WSCC) – 1,000m (approx.) of Permissive Footpath
 - **Sidlesham P45** – (Permissive Agreement with WSCC) – 1,000m (approx.) of Permissive Bridleway
- **Southwater 3789** (HA 1980, S25) - 117m of Public Bridleway (part replaces a section of extinguished Footpath 1655)
- **Southwater 1665_1 and 1661** (HA 1980, S25) - 139m of Public Footpath
- **Twineham 8T** (Development Control Order) – diversion in relation to Rampion Wind Farm

3.2 Information about the Planning and Rights of Way Committee, including meeting dates and papers can be found on the [Planning and Rights of Way Committee web pages](#).

4. WSLAF Future Meetings

4.1 All formal meetings usually start at 10.30am. Future dates are:

- Informal: July 2023
- Formal: Wednesday 11 October 2023 – Horsham

5. Neighbouring Local Access Forums (LAFs)

5.1 Meeting papers and other information about neighbouring Forums can be found by following the links below:

- [South Downs Local Access Forum](#) (SDLAF)
- [Brighton & Hove Local Access Forum](#)
- [East Sussex Local Access Forum](#) (ESLAF)
- [Hampshire Countryside Access Forum](#) (HCAF)
- [Surrey Countryside Access Forum](#) (SLAF)

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