



Hertfordshire Local Access Forum



NOTES

16th Sept 2020, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

67th Meeting

via Zoom conference call

7.30 **Present:** Liddy Lawrence, **LL, Chair**, Ian Gregory, **IG, Vice Chair**, Debbie Pearlman-Hougie, **DPH**, Rosemary Gilligan, **RG**, Paul Christian, **PC**, Brian Worrell, **BW**, Russell Huffer, **RH**, Chris Hall, **CH**, Rosalind Davis, **RD**, Cllr Mark Mills-Bishop, **MMB**, Cllr Chris Lloyd, **CL**.

Apologies: Diana Collingridge, **DC**, Bianca Badham, **BB**.

Officers: Richard Cuthbert, **RC & Jamie Bartlett, JB, HCC**
Fiona Brett, Minutes.

Members of the public attending: Mr C Beney.

7.40 **Minutes & Matters arising**

Apologies corrected to include CL

7:50 **Member Updates**

BW – Ridgeway NT Delivery Group – reports re; ‘Driving on the Ridgeway’ draft almost ready for publication in 2 parts, 1 public & 2 Police & other bodies etc. Would Herts Constabulary be interested?

Survey showed 15% of users not aware that FPs only for walkers!

Support for upgrading NT route for cyclists & riders E of Streetly to Ivinghoe Beacon

Table of SMRs on Ridgeway available from BW, for managing public access.

DPH – Aldenham Co.Pk. path closed-off by landowner. MOD App with the Planning Inspectorate (PIIns).

Growing concerns of powered scooters, eBikes etc on bridleways. **RC to circulate links.**

IG – Wel-Hat cycling interested in BR developments on Coopers Green Lane & plans to join-up routes with future planning. Meeting asked for btw CRoW & HH on possible future links. **BW** asked if it is wide enough and available for carriage drivers? – **DG?**

8:00 **CRoW News & Updates**

- Covid-19 & Field Trip issues

DPH – Could we have self-guided field trips? Briefing pack from HCC & map, to look and feed-back. Risk Assessments. Current areas of interest? = **Ridgeway NT in Herts & Coopers Green Lane new s106 BR examples.**

- **PTRO Review** - RC & Jamie Bartlett,

JB progressing again now that we are more up and running.

When will we get consultation out to the LAF Members and the public? RC as soon as possible given current pressures of recruitment, training & high-profile cases.

LAF Members keen to see PTRO Review

IG visit to Police HQ Force Control Room – c/o JB / RD. JB should be possible to arrange.

- **Fly Tipping issues** – 2 groups in Herts 1 chaired by Duncan Jones HCC as a strategic managers group bring 11 LAs, Police, NFU, EA etc together, a model being followed by other LAs. NHDC chaired practitioners mtg to share best practice & joined-up working.
- Working with PCC, sorting-out funding, avoiding reports ping-ponging between differing LAs, Police etc – but copied to all. JB & NM worked together to win funding to assist landowners in E Herts. PCC election looming so no new funding known.

RD £20k assistance fund does exist for landowners, but Capital fund for HCC projects not known yet. RD can pass on details of the scheme if wanted. LL How many prosecutions in last period? **RD** to check & circulate.

CB – Is there a strategy e.g. bollards on the footway near a road to stop people tipping without obstructing access? **RD** Above is seen as a good approach but has issues where these are also field entrances, so working with APOs to see what can be done, dropped bollards also effective and sturdy horse stiles. Kent Carriage Gaps and Poacher Blocks also being tried (where no RoW).

AOB

BW – Greenways email top priority

LL – Devastation at Symondshyde Great Wood – update please from **DG**.

PC – 60 / 70% Ash die back being experienced by woodland managers – hence not high-quality work being done, but large-scale Ash removal at speed – will be an ongoing issue.

CB – Aldenham Co. Pk. MOD App – BADFA interested and will liaise with **DPH**.

8:20 Ends

Date of next meeting:

- 2nd Dec 2020, 19:30