



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

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Membership

- 1 Equestrian interests on the LAF are now represented by Alison Heath, following Viv Lynch's resignation on 31st January 2015. Alison is into her third year as British Horse Society County Access and Bridleways Officer for Buckinghamshire. She is also very interested in the historical research of unrecorded rights of way, having been a curator in the British Library for many years, and has submitted two applications for definitive map modification orders (DMMO's).
- 2 Cycling interests on the LAF are now represented by Sara Randle. Sara is Senior Development Officer for the Cycle Chilterns Project, employed by CTC, the national cycling charity, and is based at the Chilterns Conservation Board office in Chinnor. The project has now been extended for a further 12 months.

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- 3 A parcel of common land called Pinner Green (HP5 1UL) was fenced off along the west side of Blackwell Hall Lane, Latimer. Following the 8-0 vote (with one abstention) in favour of supporting removal of the fence to improve access on the common, and subsequent letter to Chiltern District Council (Appendix 1), the attached letter has recently been received in reply (Appendix 2).

East West Rail bridleways consultation

- 4 Two bridleways are affected by the East West Rail route for which Alison Heath made comments to Network Rail on 8th February 2015 (see Appendix 3).

Joint LAF meetings

Another useful meeting was held on 5th February 2015 with Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Mid & West Berks and Bracknell Forest LAF officers and chairmen, the actions from which are outlined in Appendix 4. Joint working opportunities were identified including joint site visits, resolving cross-boundary issues, and identifying cross boundary changes in path status. A further meeting was proposed, TBC.

Conferences

- 5 The South East Local Access Forum Conference will be held on Tuesday 19th May 2014 at the Friends Meeting House, 173 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ.

Correspondence

- 6 The vice-chairman wrote to Mike Freestone at Buckinghamshire county council to support a Local Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund Bid to the Department for Transport (See Appendix 5).

LAF dates for 2014

The dates of the next meetings are Wed 1st July 2015 and Wed 4th November 2015.