

NE&SW Bridleways Committee Meeting		
Date	Monday, 22 nd October, 2007	
Time	2000 hours	
Venue	The Plough, Radwinter	
Attendees	Carol Grant Rebecka Price-Smith Ray Cleaver Jane Cleaver Hannah Collins	Karen Fisk Garron Baines David Haylock Jan Rennie
Apologies		
ITEM	Action	
Minutes & matters arising	The group is now affiliated to BHS. GB stated that The tabards were in the process of being distributed to yards and relevant associations. GB had forwarded a letter of thanks to the sponsors.	

<p>Waldegreens Farm Ride Report</p>	<p>RPS said that the ride had been April 2008. GB stated that the feedback from every participant had been very positive. The ride would not be used of the suggested date because the area would be too hot. RPS said that Katy Haynes had advised that the possibility of rain was a minimum. Organising a talk for photographers had been suggested and it should be arranged for the AGM. RPS suggested that under fourteens be given a discount on future rides. RPS indicated that she was willing to organise two rides per year. GB</p>	
	<p>offered a vote of thanks to RPS and her team on behalf of the committee.</p>	

<p>Byways Funding shortfall</p>	<p>GB said there is no funding by way of April 2008. GB stated that Michael Hall will be made to be the respondent. The deed would make of the GBV had a series of ways to be maintained by ways to be about 2 miles to be kept that ECC wished to develop them. The possibility of other organisational talks of the right has been it suggested that should be arranged for the evening of the AGM to be held would be at the time. This would be 2 weeks before the April being closing several years ago publicly for the event.</p>	<p>RPS to check April dates to ensure no clashes with other local events</p> <p>RPS and DH to research speakers</p>
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<p>ROWs Opening process shortfall</p>	<p>GB stated that all the byways had been completed and half a million pounds had been spent. ECC had now run out of funds. GB had suggested that the remaining byways to be renovated should be kept closed but ECC wished to reopen them. CG asked whether closure to all was the right answer, was it possible to just close it to motorised traffic? It was suggested that bollards could be installed on the remaining byways as had been done several years ago on Dark Land, Hempstead.</p>	<p>GB to discuss with ECC</p>
<p>ECC Highways meeting, Oct 18</p>	<p>GB stated that the ECC Rights of Way department was being reorganised One</p>	
	<p>manager would be in overall charge. Paula Cheesman was the acting manager. There would be a big push on bridleways creation; ECC was very pleased with the new bridleways created on Mr Hingston's farm. The ROW improvement plan could be inspected on the ECC website. Tony Ciabarro had said that an extra £365,000 funding had been secured for projects.</p>	

<p>ROW Application process</p>	<p>CG stated that as the staff for ROW would be looked at next term it was essential that all claims on information that had to be completed before June 2008. As possible risks would statements as possible needed to be submitted</p>	
	<p>for each disputed route. JR stated that the forms were complicated and this would discourage submissions. It was agreed that people may need to be mentored through the process of completing the form. Mike Brash of EBA had a lot of experience of the procedure. It was agreed that a form should be put on the website and perhaps a completed example for reference.</p>	
<p>Membership Report</p>	<p>CG stated that there were now 62 registered members with more likely to register. The forms obtained from the public meeting had still to be processed. JR volunteered to try to extract as much useful data as possible from the forms.</p>	<p>JR to process public meeting forms. CG to supply up to date membership list to JR</p>

<p>Website Update Act</p>	<p>BHS was notified up information about the Group's responsibilities should be to act in any news appeared that they had to take private concerns possible claims could be created with other relevant websites.</p>	
<p>P3 and United Riders</p>	<p>Membership form should be amended to be up and running soon. Committee members should let HC know of any likely projects which could be completed under P3. GB suggested the Wimbish bridleway may be a good project.</p>	
<p>Hingston Bridleway Creation</p>	<p>These were almost agreed. GB had a map with the new routes marked showing their linkage to other ROWs</p>	
<p>Borley Bridleways Dispute</p>	<p>RC said that 38 witness statements had been submitted in support the route's long term use as a bridleway. GB suggested that Mick Brash of EBA be consulted for advice as to the correct procedure.</p>	<p>GB to contact Jackie Millward as to the status of the submissions</p>

<p>Data Protection Act</p>	<p>BHS had emailed Gordon information about the group's responsibilities under the act. It appeared that members would have to consent to their data being held by the group. It was agreed that the membership form should be amended to</p>	<p>CG to amend membership form</p>
	<p>allow for this. BHS would issue a form stating that the group was compliant with the act. GB suggested that obtaining charitable status for the group might attract donations as tax could be recouped. HC and JR pointed out that this would involve committee members becoming trustees. It was agreed to consider charitable status at some later stage.</p>	
<p>Code of Conduct</p>	<p>JR had obtained copies of various organisations' codes of conduct. She agreed to write up a draft code of conduct for the group for the consideration of all members of the committee. Once committee members had agreed the draft, it would be submitted for inclusion on the website.</p>	<p>JR to draft Code of Conduct and circulate</p>

Death of Gordon Hands	GB stated that Gordon Hands had died some months ago. In view of the immense work that Mr Hands had done in connection with ROWs in the area GB suggested that he write a letter of condolence on behalf of the group. This was agreed.	GB to write letter to Mrs Hands
AOB	The treasurer's report was held over until GC could attend a meeting	
Next Meeting	The next meeting would be in January 2008, date to be advised.	

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