|  |
| --- |
| **Medway Local Access Forum****Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 5 December 2019 at 4.00pm****Innovation Lab, Gun Wharf, Chatham, Kent** |
| **Item** | **Main Meeting** | **Action** |
|  | Simon Curry ChairTyler Cook(TC) MinutesAnnmarie Behn (AB) Paths and Promotions Manager (MC)Chris Morris (CM) Medway Towns Footpath GroupIan Gray (IG) User representative (CCG)Bob Donkin (BD) Member of the publicDarren Taylor(DT) Cycle representative (MC)Adam Taylor(AT) Rivers & Paths Manager (MC)David Palmer (DP) Public HealthMarion Phillips (MP) Partnerships Officer MCGraham Jenkinson RamblersHayley Taylor(HT) Birdwise |
| 1 | **Welcome to guests, members and officers**SC welcomed everyone to the December meeting, then introductions were made around the table. |  |
| 2 | **Apologies**Sue Saunders, Cllr Griffin, Chris Ford |  |
| 3 | **Minutes of last meeting (5th September 2019)**The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed. |  |
| 4 | **Birdwise presentation – Hayley Taylor**HT gave a presentation on Birdwise, what they do and why.There was a brief Q&A afterwards – HT confirmed the project will run for 80 years and that only wintering birds are prioritised by the scheme currently. |  |
| 5 | **Introduction to Whose Hoo – Martin Hall**MC is applying for a 2 million pound grant from Heritage Fund for Whose Hoo.This money will be used to enhance pathways, organise volunteering groups and events.This project covers Hoo and part of Gravesend.The mandatory outcome is that more people access the heritage of Hoo, this will be done using promotional events, beach cleans and walks using walkways and cycleways, also fixing “dead end” pathways.CM volunteered to  be LAF representative at Whose Hoo stakeholder meetings.LAF unilaterally agreed to CM being LAF representative at the stakeholder meetings next year.MH briefly explained the successful HIF bid which is forward funding infrastructure for the Hoo peninsula. | **MH/CM** |
| 6 | **ROWIP – brief update – Annmarie Behn**The draft ROWIP will go out to consultation in January, LAF members to read through draft ROWIP and comment before the next meeting, forwarding any comments to AB.AB would like LAF to come to ROWIP events and some meetings.SC and MH applauded AB for her work on passing the ROWIP through senior managementAB would like the LAF to champion the ROWIP | **ALL** |
| 7 | **England Coastal Path – brief update – Adam Taylor**Woolwich to Grain section to be complete by end of 2020 with works starting next summer.Grain to Iwade section to be complete by end of 2021 |  |
| 8 | **Safe routes to school – update from members on any local routes to school as discussed at last meeting**AB has had some success from social media postsDP has attempted to reach out to schools with no luck, parents also seem to not be interested |  |
| 9 | **Conversation starter – Public Health – how can the LAF help? – David Palmer/Simon Curry**DP would like to organise walking festival and would like the LAF to helpDP would like to increase publicityMonthly walk will be introduced for the second Saturday of every month, these walks will last 90 minutesDP is point of contact for Public Health enquiriesDP noted that MC cannot host walks longer than 90 minutes due to health and safety and insurance reasonsGJ and DP to liaise about possible walks before the end of JanuaryDP noted that a large issue with the walks is how people get to the start points with a lack of parking and also that a small group in Public Health were looking at how participants turn up to walk starting points as part of climate changeSC noted how we need to consider disability and accessibility with the walks – SC was happy to be a part of this project as was GJDP to put out diary dates for a meeting | **GJ/DP****DP** |
| 10 | **Conversation starter – Membership/follower database**AB to speak to Disabled workers forum for contact to join LAF | **AB** |
| 11 | **MUGS forum – brief update – Simon Curry/ Marion Phillips**MUGS website has had some updates including a climate change section and a news feed sectionThere are two new friends groups and a relaunch of Horsted FriendsNext MUGS forum is 4th February 2020 |  |
| 12 | **Call for content – what would members like to see on the LAF website?**TC to share contact details with IG through AB | **TC** |
| 13 | **Local matters arising from LAF members – RS206 developments**AT to liaise with IG regarding RS206 developments | **AT/IG** |
| 14 | **Any Other Business**Vegetation clearance list is fully completeNorth Dane Way subway closure – integrated transport decided against traffic lights as there is already an island, GJ and DP raised safety concerns in this area as at night there is low visibilityClimate change – new groups are being formed and might be a good idea to have on the agenda every meetingNext meeting is Thursday 5th March 2020, Gun wharf room 12 |  |