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| **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 Chair  Tyler Cook(TC) Minutes  Annmarie Behn (AB) Paths and Promotions Manager (MC)  Chris Morris (CM) Medway Towns Footpath Group  Ian Gray (IG) User representative (CCG)  Bob Donkin (BD) Member of the public  Darren Taylor(DT) Cycle representative (MC)  Adam Taylor(AT) Rivers & Paths Manager (MC)  David Palmer (DP) Public Health  Marion Phillips (MP) Partnerships Officer MC  Graham Jenkinson Ramblers  Hayley 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 management  AB 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 posts  DP 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 help  DP would like to increase publicity  Monthly walk will be introduced for the second Saturday of every month, these walks will last 90 minutes  DP is point of contact for Public Health enquiries  DP noted that MC cannot host walks longer than 90 minutes due to health and safety and insurance reasons  GJ and DP to liaise about possible walks before the end of January  DP 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 change  SC noted how we need to consider disability and accessibility with the walks – SC was happy to be a part of this project as was GJ  DP 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 section  There are two new friends groups and a relaunch of Horsted Friends  Next 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 complete  North 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 visibility  Climate change – new groups are being formed and might be a good idea to have on the agenda every meeting  Next meeting is Thursday 5th March 2020, Gun wharf room 12 |  |