

**Minutes of Friends of Centurion Way
Tuesday 8 January 2019**

8.00 pm, The Rainbow Inn

We were joined by new member Bruce Brechin and also attending were Ian Bartle, Adam Bell, Philip Maber, Mark Record and Julia Smith.

1. **Minutes of meeting on 4 December 2018 and Matters Arising** were all approved.
2. **Feedback from ‘Christmas on the Path’ and ‘Beating the Bounds’.** MR/PM explained that New Years event was successful and we gained some good publicity with a news story in the Chichester Post. Even though the Christmas on the Path event was effectively rained off we still also gained publicity from a story in the Chichester Post.
3. **To note Facebook comments from CW Users.** It was apparent on the beating the bounds event that the path was extremely popular on New Years Day. Indeed on social media, many people reported that traffic was so heavy there was conflict between different kinds of path users. Everyone attending the meeting agreed we should promote that all path users show respect to one another and share the path considerately. We agreed that many problems were due to the surface of the path become narrower because of encroachment of dirt and vegetation at it’s edges. **Action:** AB offered to put up posters promoting considerate sharing of the path between users and everyone agreed this would be constructive.
4. **Web Site Maintenance**
MR demonstrated the use of the convenient new Facebook and Twitter buttons that are now available on every FoCW website post. These can be used to effortlessly and effectively amplify our campaign on social media. MR also highlighted that anyone supporting FoCW can easily be granted authorship access (and is very welcome to do so) so they may contribute posts to the FoCW website. Email recordm@btinternet.com if you need an authorship log-in.
Action: MR to compile a list of supporters who are known to be unable to receive emails with a view that they should be sent a hard copy of our Newsletters.
Action: All to help once MR has provided addresses.
5. **Entry in Festival of Chichester brochure, Sunday 14 July.** **Action:** IB and PM agreed to work together to complete our application. We decided that since we are a group of residents volunteering to provide a free event rather than a business organisation, we would not offer to contribute the £20 that appears to be a voluntary contribution that can be made when making this application. We agreed that since we ran a similar event last year that saw low attendance due to coinciding with the world cup football event, we would reuse the same resources developed for the 2018 Festival available [here](#) and

[here](#). Sarah & Bill Sharp's green cargo trike was universally seen as a desirable vehicle to carry ice creams to anyone attending our event. Suitable options for mobile refrigeration to be considered nearer the event.

6. **Counting CW Users and funding for Counters.** PM agreed (and has now shared) bank account details. **Action:** MR will add bank details to the funding page of our website so people can donate.
7. **Reinstatement of the arch.** AB and MR have liaised with Ian Smith from CWUG and Criss Dye from Drayton depot. Criss Dye explained to MR that Highways Dep felt reconstruction of the archway should be made of rolled steel (preferably galvanised) to prevent it falling over in the foreseeable future and potentially injuring path users. Criss Dye had also mentioned 2.4m minimum head room requirement beneath structure but suggested checking what equipment CDC used to maintain the path to ensure it would fit under potential reinstated archway.
8. **Article for Chi Soc March newsletter**
Action: IB agreed to write an article of 400-500 words with input from AB. This would focus on the need to establish current use of the path to set a base line against which future use could be monitored, bearing in mind the threat of a possible diversion at the Southern end caused by the WHF development.
9. **Wildlife Corridor** Details of reporting wildlife activity within the green corridor to Sarah Hughes are given at the end of this document due to their lengthy nature. **Action:** MR to post details on website.
10. **Response to Local Plan Review.** **Action:** All members at Jan 8th meeting to follow guidelines on [website post](#) to give feedback on recommended points. MR to communicate with all supporters of FoCW using mail list to encourage them to comment on recommended review points.
11. **Topics to Raise with Austen Hindman.** It had been planned to discuss options for maintaining the existing route of Centurion Way past Bishop Luffa school with Austen Hindman on Thurs 24 Jan. **Action:** However, as no progress had been made by the Developers or WSCC since the meeting at the school in October, it was agreed that IB should contact Mr Hindman to suggest the planned meeting should be postponed.
12. Plans for Future Events
 - a. Sat 9 Feb 'Love your path' **Action:** MR to produce posters. People attending the event are invited to wear something pink or otherwise appropriate for Valentine's day. The plan is to have hot drinks available at our usual campaign spot by the railway footbridge.
 - b. Sat 9 March 'Gingerbread Hares' Plans to be discussed at the next meeting
 - c. Visit to Solar Farm to be kept under review
13. AOB
 - a. Car Free Day **Action:** MR to continue to liaise with CDC and keep FOCW informed of further developments
 - b. Involvement of West Dean **Action:** IB to provide more green leaflets
 - c. Greetings Cards: MR to scan and advertise new design cards on website

14. Date of next meeting Thursday 7th Feb at 8 pm at the Rainbow Inn

Notes on reporting wildlife activity within green corridor to Sarah Hughes

Original copy sent to Sarah [Sharp]:

Dear Sarah [Sharp],

We have revised the email for the New Wildlife Corridor policy, details below:-

Chichester District Council are consulting on the new and not-yet adopted 'Wildlife Corridor' policy and we would like to ask for your support with three requests:-

- 1) Can you help with providing biodiversity records that will help us further improve the evidence base for the wildlife corridors (even if you have recently submitted them to the SxBRC or other biological groups)?
- 2) Can you record further biodiversity on these vital wildlife corridors? We will need the data before summer 2019 in order for the evidence to be in time for the plan's submission to the independent examiner.
- 3) Can you support our proposed wildlife corridor via the consultation portal.

The evidence paper for the Wildlife Corridor policy is at <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=31016> please read this first

The consultation portal is at <https://chichester.jdi-consult.net/localplan/> you will need to register first in order to make a comment, then please see <https://chichester.jdi-consult.net/localplan/readdoc.php?docid=6&chapter=6&docelemid=d105#d105> which is the link direct to the consultation page on Policy S30 (Strategic Wildlife corridors)

Many thanks & warm regards

Sarah

N.B - Deadline for Consultation – 7th February

- Deadline for wildlife evidence/data - Summer 2019



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