



Minutes of meeting held on 12th January 2021 via Microsoft Teams commencing at 6:30pm

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Members present:	Apologies received:
Bob Wallace David Mitchel James Russell Nigel Jacobs – Chair of the meeting Ann Kennedy Cllr Royden	Steve Bumstead Barry Ingram
In attendance/Observers:	
Andrew Prigmore - Bedford Borough Council Michael Gibbons - Bedford Borough Council April Quinn – Bedford Borough Council	
Clerk: Georgina McDade	

1.	<u>Welcome by Chairman</u> The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Previous minutes of the 14 January 2020 agreed and will be signed by Nigel Jacobs electronically.
2.	<u>Apologies</u> As above.
3.	<u>Update from Previous Minutes</u> <u>Wixams and Green Wheel</u> Short discussion on Jon Shortland response regarding a lack of update/progress regarding S106 renegotiations. AP to arrange a meeting with representatives regarding the scheme so future discussion can take place regarding access. AP to obtain information from specific individuals regarding cycle ways. Wixams and Green Wheel has been added as an agenda item for the next meeting so the above actions

	<p>can be carried out and discussion can take place as to how the LAF can influence allocated funds to improve access and greenways. Ongoing</p> <p>Let's Go Website – Website has now received funding for the next 3 years courtesy of Bedford Borough Council, Luton Borough and Central Bedfordshire Councils.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Drive to 2026 – lost Ways – briefing on what to look for and where to look</u></p> <p>MG presented. Advised what “lost ways” are and confirmed the applications that the Council have received and acknowledged.</p> <p>RW to add details regarding 2026 to the LetsGo! Website.</p> <p>AP to arrange to have a section regarding the drive to 2026 on the Council website.</p> <p>Presentation notes to be circulated to LAF members. Completed.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Current Definitive Map Workload</u></p> <p>Presented by AQ.</p> <p>Short discussion on the public path diversion orders that the Council is currently undertaking and the issues experienced with objections received.</p> <p>The Council will attempt to resolve the outstanding representation made by the OSS regarding Wilstead. Completed. The representation has been withdrawn and the Order has been confirmed.</p> <p>Issues relating to objections received by the OSS to be added as a future agenda item.</p> <p>AQ to circulate presentation notes. Completed.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>LAF Governance</u></p> <p>Presented by RW.</p> <p>Members agreed that more positive news surrounding the LAF is required to attract new members. Can include details on LetsGo! And Council websites.</p> <p>Presentation notes have been circulated to LAF members.</p> <p>It was agreed that a meeting will take place between the chair and vice a month before each LAF meeting to confirm the agenda, objectives and outcome for the LAF meeting. This will help to achieve LAF objectives and focus the meetings on specific agenda items to help ensure objectives are met fulfilling the role of the LAF as an advisory group.</p>

7.	<p><u>Let's Go</u></p> <p>Funding confirmed for the next 3 years.</p>
8.	<p><u>Volunteering – suggestions for engagement with user groups and types of projects</u></p> <p>AP presented.</p> <p>AP will arrange to have a press release sent out to encourage people to volunteer with surveying, general maintenance of the Rights of Way Network and to highlight issues/anomalies that the Council can rectify.</p> <p>It was noted that The Ramblers are hosting a series of webinars. Details have been sent to LAF members.</p> <p>Members agreed that the LAF can assist with surveying the network as well.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Council could host a page detailing potential volunteering opportunities and link to the LetsGo! Website.</p> <p>Future agenda item has been added regarding work that the general maintenance team has carried out to benefit the Rights of Way network in terms of clearance, bridge installation, rights of way markers.</p>
9.	<p><u>Future Agenda Items</u></p> <p>Reports from Meetings Attended Governance and Administration Volunteering RoW Matters Consultations</p>
10.	<p><u>Close of Meeting</u></p> <p>The meeting closed at 20.50</p> <p>Next Meeting dates:</p> <p>20th April 2021 20th July 2021 26th October 2021</p>

Signed:

Date:

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