

BEECH ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP (BRSWG)

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING HELD AT 19:30 ON 5 February 2020

REVISION 1

1. Attendees:

Charles Cockburn (CC)
Tony Ransley (TR)
Nick Ward (NW)
Eric Baker (EB)

Apologies for absence: David Walker.

- 2. Declaration of Interest** – (in accordance with the National Association of Local Councils Model Code of Conduct adopted July 2018) Councilors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. You must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter. –

No Interests Declarable

3. Vision of a Safer Beech.

Ideal:

- a. 20 mph speed limit with pinch points at narrowest/windiest parts of Medstead Road and Kings Hill.
- b. Where feasible a footpath (with curbs if adjacent to roadway). Of particular interest would be a footpath/cycle path running close to the road through the wooded area where it butts up to Medstead Road/Kings Hill.
- c. Also a potential footpath/ cycle path through The Rec to Wellhouse Road /Grange Road to Snod Hill to allow walkers from Kings Hill to avoid the non footpath centre of the village..

4. Collection and collation of ideas + actions.

- a. Obtain Ian Gibson's plans. Understand why these weren't progressed at the time. Are these reasons still relevant today. **ACTION: CC**
- b. Contact HCC (possibly via Mark Kemp-Gee) and get access to the land registry to understand land ownership adjacent to Kings Hill and Medstead Road. **ACTION: NW**
- c. Contact Seong-Gi SEO re. possibility of putting a footpath through his land at Bushy Leaze. There are 3 marked footpaths already there including one running parallel to and close to the road. **ACTION: TR**
- d. Research Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan [LCWIP] and see what funds are available, who the key players are in EHDC and what the plan

is after the survey.

ACTION: CC

- e. Promote the EHDC LCWIP Survey within Beech.

ACTION: EB

- f. Speed Cameras with fixed VRN recognition + actual speed display. Tony to get quote. Also review what signage improvements/positioning might be achieved.

ACTION: TR

- g.

Eric to get estimates for path's costs via an organisation that Tony knows who have done this work locally. [Katy Poulson 07703519488 of <http://www.poulsom.com/>]

ACTION: EB.

- h. Contact Forestry Commission (possibly via George Gate) re the possibility of running a footpath on their land adjacent to Medstead Road. **ACTION: NW**

- i. Find out if there are any other Road Safety Groups operating in adjacent areas, particularly Medstead, so we could potentially share ideas / provide a larger, more powerful lobby.

ACTION: CC

5. Role definition Assignment

Chairman: Charles Cockburn

Secretary: Nick Ward

6. Reporting and Communications Plan

- a. Other neighbouring villages' similar projects. Road Safety Group. (ref Action)
- b. Next Door for lobbying
- c. Leaflets
- d. Mentioning working group at village events

7. Additional WP members.

- a. 2 possible additional members. Charles to contact Roger Ison + Brian Wagstaffe

ACTION: CC

8. Project time scales

- a. Initial quick wins
 - i. Signage
 - ii. Speed Limiting Electronic Devices.
- b. Target project completion
 - i. 12-18 months

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th March @ West Dean House