

SDN Exec. Zoom Meeting Notes 21 Jan 2021

Present: Tony Whitbread, Vic Ient, Nigel Brown, Claire Horseman, David Thodwell, Owen Plunkett, Grahame Joseph, Mike Charman, Phil Beldon, Jill Sutcliffe, Chris Todd, David Burnet, John Temperton, David Coldwell, Gill Linturn, Vivian Whitbread, David Johnson.

	Topic	Points discussed	Action
1	Apologies	Absent: Robin Milner-Gulland (Archaeological Society)	
2	Review of past meetings	<p>SDN now 'observing' member of CNP. First meeting attended in December. Tony to report in due course.</p> <p>SDN Admin: Volunteer Admin (Alice) to take minutes from recorded meetings and send to members. CH to handle SDN press releases. Members to go directly to Claire for PR service.</p> <p>Still seeking fundraising person (volunteer).</p> <p>SDNPA Land Managers, Oct. 1st: Discussed: Carbon reduction initiatives in farming. Cover report, climate crisis and local authorities, trialling Environmental Land Management System (ELMS). Encouraging - potential role for SDN to connect farmers and community.</p> <p>Not addressed: Arundel Bypass, letters sent to NP.</p> <p>Tony to share correspondence with Highways England.</p> <p>Local farmer possibly prepared to give talk.</p>	<p>TW</p> <p>AG/CH</p> <p>VI</p> <p>TW</p>
3	Membership & Finance Report	<p>Total SDN Balance = £4360.30. £60 subscription deficit from six non-payers inc. Sussex Archaeological Society.</p> <p>*Agreed to keep members 'on the books' to maintain strong network rather than excluding non-renewing members.</p> <p>Some new members gained inc. Extinction Rebellion Arun Valley.</p> <p>43 members as of Jan 2020. 35 paid to renew. Gill to chase outstanding payments.</p>	GL
4	Current Issues and Campaigns	<p>Countryside Code Refresh: Written to Natural England, suggested stronger/wider communication of countryside code.</p> <p>A27 bypass: SDN supporting Arundel alternative. Next stage is consulting on preferred option. Application will be submitted about 6 months later. NP and West Sussex will be consulted on local impacts.</p> <p>Meeting planned with NP transport officer. Vic to report.</p>	VI

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		<p>Membership: Plan to increase membership with campaigns. Appeal to orgs in/across NP.</p> <p>TfSE: Vic on TfSE forum for SKATE and SDN, rural transport is focus. New group: Villagers and the Countryside, specifically representing parish councils and village communities in TfSE area. Approved strategy and developing studies. Members to fill document VI sent out on Southern Orbital Study.</p> <p>Dft: To have consultation on rural transport. Members to provide comments to VI.</p> <p>Missing Link: Idea is to record missing links (footpaths/bridleways, etc) and digitally map them. Ramblers and Cycling orgs put in a lot of work. Missing Link survey presented to NP a year ago but progress halted by Covid. Alison Thorpe agreed they now have the resources to continue. Link to OS mapping. VI to share docs.</p> <p>VI to speak with Open Spaces Society re. reclaiming Lost Ways and submitting evidence before 2026.</p> <p>David Coldwell to speak with SD Society re. clearing gateways.</p> <p>Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans: Keeping abreast.</p> <p>Heritage Coast: Views already submitted.</p> <p>Government Planning Changes: SDN and others objected to planned algorithm to show where houses will be. Gov. agreed to withdraw it. Principle remains - land will be allocated in three different blocks. Possible plan to rid of EIA also opposed. Correspondence to say SDN will be part of forum for further discussion but Vic not heard since.</p> <p>West Sussex Transport: Ran out of time, no input given.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL/VI</p> <p>VI</p> <p>VI</p> <p>DC</p>
5	Membership Development	<p>To seek members from volunteer organisations.</p> <p>To decide: Should Parish councils to be included in Network?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They have their own routes – could ‘muddy the water’. - Risk having too many ‘passive’ members. <p>Will be exceptions.</p> <p>Currently only have people as representatives of organisations - not as individual members. Decided that we do have the ability to co-opt people on an individual basis but should be relatively exceptional. Generally, if individuals want to become a member</p>	

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		they should be directed to the SD society, or one of the other member organisations.	
6	Fundraising, Donations, Grants	VI speaking to NP Grants Officer (Mike?) and looking into funding. Funds needed to cover Missing Link project. VI to send out documents in due course.	VI
7	Co-opting members onto the Exec	The Terms of reference allow for 12 people on Executive Committee (EC). (Seven from large organisations, five small organisations.) VI and TW to work through list of individuals and organisations, and invite people, e.g. Heritage Coast/Extinction Rebellion. Plan to have more Zoom meetings with speakers, e.g. Lost Ways, Open Spaces Soc., Eastbourne Downland group, etc. Also utilise group members' expertise. Approach Heritage Coast & Kate Ashbrook (Open Spaces) for talks.	VI/TW VI?
8	Support Report	Alice (Admin Volunteer) to meet Laura (Social Media). They with Claire (PR) and Vic will become support network.	VI
9	AOB	DC named as representative for planning issue, inc. Lancing roundabout and sea defence at Seaford Head. Informal consultation on Rampion. VI to send out comms. Lack of accommodation in and around SD, + youth hostels. Members to look at SDN website.	DC VI ALL
10	Date of: a. Next Exec. c. 2021 AGM meeting	Four meetings minimum + optional extra(s): Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct (more in-between if needed). 2 p.m. TW to diarise next four. September.	TW