

## Titchfield Neighbourhood Plan Cycle Paths and Footpaths

Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017

Daisy B's

Ann Wheal, Lesley Blackburn and Ross Underwood. Apols Judy Ekins

Lesley reported that she had progressed with walking the footpaths. Ross supplied three books of walks which included Titchfield walks and it was agreed that we could incorporate these with any that we identify. It was agreed that that we should be mindful of the country park development and its footpaths which should link up with 'ours'. **Ross agreed to photocopy and circulate the previously published routes.**

Lesley picked up the suggestion of footpaths being adopted. Apparently this is done by the Ramblers Assoc in other areas. Ann said that there was some interest in the village for starting a walking group but it needed someone to put it on a firm footing! **Ross indicated that there were lead 'Walking for Health' groups and he would find out more about who organises them.** Ann said there was to be an NP Health and Wellbeing Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept with some sponsorship from Everetts. **A walking group would fit well with this and Ann said she would put an article in the forthcoming newsletter.** Ann indicated that £1500 had been added to the Heritage Lottery Bid to cover waymarking of footpath routes and publication of a flyer.

There was a general discussion about the condition of footpaths within the village and Ross suggested that the NP website could carry a section where residents report issues that they find. **Ann said she would speak to Peter to include this.** Ann also said that Nick Girdler was attempting to secure a crossing on Coach Hill through child protection legislation.

### The Canal

Ann had requested that this group take consideration for the Canal and it was agreed that the cross path to the river should be included in the Plan as this becomes impassable in the winter. Judy had asked if consideration be given to benches along the canal but this was not thought to be a good idea as the Haven would object to too much activity right next to the reserve and benches may become a focus for litter. If bins were provided - who would empty them. **Ann indicated that currently an HCC contractor 'gifts' the maintenance of the canal, but she agreed to find out what exactly the maintenance plan was.**

### Cycle Paths

Ann said that she had attended a conference and she had met with the Sustrans rep who supplied her a contact who might be able to help us together with some information about cycle-friendly road layouts. **Ross said he would make the contact and study the literature to see if there were any possibilities for Posbrook Lane.**

**Ross said he would also examine the map for bridleways which might give possible circular off road cycle routes.** Ann said that with the growth of electric bicycles there would be a lot of interest in such routes. Lesley said that at the end of Cartright Drive there was cycle path signs and **Ross said he would check them out.**

**Next Meeting      Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2.00 at Daisy B's**