

Agenda Item 34 August Meeting Footpaths and Bridleways

I have received correspondence from gentleman who is has much experience of keeping Rights of way open.

He initially contacted the NP group at an open day and would like to liaise with the council. Extract from an email below:

Lesley & Tim

I enjoyed talking to you both this afternoon and finding out about the East Dean Neighbourhood Plan.

If it is helpful, I am willing to confirm I have walked the gated track alongside East Dean Recreation Ground in last 20 years.

If local residents have also used this route before it was padlocked and restricted it may be possible, with evidence of public use, to submit a claim to ESCC rights of way manager.

I have walked with the Beachy Head Ramblers since 2002 and am part of the Eastbourne Downland Group. Both groups have a strong interest in East Dean as a route centre and the ways to enjoy the Downs and Birling Gap. Perhaps we could collaborate more with the Parish Council.

All the best

Richard Stenson

NB

I am concerned that the landowner has downgraded the public bridleway next to the roadside and Birling Farm as a permissive route. I hope ESCC will be able to reinstate the public bridleway signs from the highway.

Proposal: To consider selecting a small group to meet with Mr Stenson to include representation from the NP Steering group.