

## **WARWICKSHIRE, SOLIHULL & COVENTRY JOINT LOCAL ACCESS FORUM.**

### **Annual report for Coventry City Council.**

#### **Rights of Way Improvement Plan.**

- Published end May 2009.
- Now preparing to distribute copies.
- Budget for current year from LTP is £40k

#### **Consolidated definitive map and statement.**

- 355 legal orders found and checked.
- 178 orders now being checked in second round.
- 19 evidence research files recovered from former PROW Consultant.
- Register of Applications; preparatory work done to set up Register of claims.
- PROW layer removed from GIS mapping due to incorrect registration. Need to redraw to usable standard.
- Copies of stopping up orders to be updated on GIS.

#### **Obstructions and maintenance.**

- 28 cases of obstruction and maintenance dealt with including:
  - M311 Coventry Colliery Club (ongoing).
  - M313 Fivefield Road (ongoing).
  - Path 233 MFSC/Banner Lane resurfacing.
  - Path 219/R31 Cross Point clearance.
  - RA claim CAP 284 Woodway Lane motorway bridge.
- Ongoing programme of restoring paths, replacing stiles with mobility kissing gates and erecting Oak finger posts.
- Allesley Parish, Sowe Valley and Eastern Green continuing focus for 2009, including 50 new Oak fingerposts for the Sowe Valley.

#### **Planning and Development.**

- WEHM Indicative Framework Plan.
- Canley regeneration project.
- Planning applications including several big sites (eg: Orchard Park).
- Allard Way Cycle Track proposal.

**Other matters.**

- 300 path queries handled (status, route, ownership, maintenance liability etc).
- Paths in Whitefriars ownership.
- 30 adoption queries on GIS.
- 27 Gating Order enquiries. Gating Officer is victim of budget cuts.
- Listing approx. 2000 adopted footpaths within City (including some queries – S38 etc).
- Access Land maps; provisional edition found and located in Local History centre.
- Coventry public footpath maps – Peter Page.
- Moonlight charity walk – Valentines Night.
- Eastern Green History Group Heritage Trail. Opened 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009.
- Network Rail bridge maintenance.
- Central Networks 132k Overhead Tower Line Refurbishment.
- Walkit.com Walking map of Coventry.
- Attending AMLA meetings.
- Responding to consultations etc from DEFRA, PINS, English Nature and others.
- Keeping up to date with legislation, case law and good practice.

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