

Cycle Seahaven



8th Annual General Meeting

Baptist Church, Seaford
22nd February 2017

Campaign Report

NCN2 Alternative in Peacehaven

Footpath Peacehaven 12 is a track between the A259 and Ashington Gardens, allowing users to avoid the narrow and blind corner at the A259 and Downland Avenue. Cycle Seahaven (CSH) suggested this be made into a safe shared walking/cycling alternative. In 2016 a notice was posted advising works would commence to convert the footpath to a shared path, but nothing happened on the dates given. CSH chased the council but had no response as to the on-going status of this proposed cycle way.

Works have since commenced on Jan 16th to clear this path and to lay an all-weather cycle track, due for completion 1st March 2017.

Egrets Way

2015 saw a new path installed from Southease going South to Dean's Farm, followed by new gates and additional works to counter flooding in 2016. Cycle Seahaven with dozens of riders, disability scooters and walkers attended the opening day of this section on 14th May 2016.

Negotiations are still under way for the full route between Lewes and Newhaven. We ask that anyone cycling through Piddington does not ride across the recreation ground.

A27 Proposals

Cycle Seahaven attended the public consultation for proposals to improve the A27 between Lewes and Polegate. Many of the suggested improvements for cyclists were mainly for travelling along the A27, and often fell short of expectations. Also, provision for reaching and crossing the A27 was, in our opinion, very poor. Our full response to the Highway England was published on our webpage: <http://cycleseahaven.org.uk/a27er/>

Railway Stations

We contacted the Sussex Community rail Partnership to see if cycle facilities could be improved in our area. We were delighted to find that our local stations had already been earmarked for substantial improvements, including covered cycle shelters and public maintenance stands & pumps. These have all been delivered as promised, with cycle parking at Seaford, Bishopstone, Newhaven, Southease & Glynde, plus a cycle repair stand & tools at Seaford.

Exceat Bridge

We have heard of proposals to build a new bridge at Exceat. Cycle Seahaven will be keeping an eye on whether this will happen or not, and that access along Exceat causeway (as part of NCN2, Egrets Way, and a great route to the forest) is made suitable for cyclists of all ages.

Access Fund

East Sussex County Council have been awarded £1.2M from the £64M government Access Fund 2017-20. Newhaven, Eastbourne/South Wealden and Bexhill/Hastings are the targets for ESCC. The programme will focus on delivering Active Access for :

- Business & Workforce Development;
- Education & Training;
- Healthy Communities.

Cycle Seahaven will keep an eye on developments, and we will continue to work with ESCC to identify areas for improved cycling within the above framework.

Cycle East Sussex

We attend the regular meetings with other East Sussex cycle groups to share campaign information and strategies.