

NOTES ON THE COMMUNITY SECURITY ADVISORY GROUP(CSAG)

1th October 2011

I attended the Hailsham CSAG with The Clerk on 18th October 2011.

Crime

The crime statistics in Hailsham continue to fall although there has been an increase in crimes against the person. Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) is also on the rise. Jackie suggested that it would be helpful if we had the Police contact details for minor offences to broadcast on our social media.

The Police major operations are:

Op Blitz – countering ASB

Op Downsway – reducing traffic accidents, including speeding

CSAG Priorities

1. ASB hotspots – including speeding
2. Rural businesses – I mentioned the vulnerability of fuel stocks once red diesel disappears.

Points for the Joint Action Group (JAG)

The JAG is a Wealden committee and the next stage up from the CSAG and is a source of funding. The Police suggested that Hailsham Town Council should apply for funding to provide floodlights for their skateboard park which would be viewed favourably. I said that it was outrageous that my application for a traffic survey in Rushlake Green, which would have had positive road safety implications was refused – twice. They had no response.

Ongoing Actions

The Chair of the CSAG highlighted the ongoing speeding problem in Rushlake Green which the Police are aware of.

I said how much we valued the Police support that the Community Speedwatch Group had received but that we were disappointed that the Police presence had generated just more warnings and no fines or points on licences. Sgt Hover believed that Police warnings had a significant effect on culprits. She outlined plans for the provision of an educational van inside which low level speeding culprits will be shown a video similar to Speed Awareness Courses. She confirmed that higher level speeding culprits will receive points and fines.

Future Events

I confirmed that we liaise with our PCSO, Cathy Gilling, over future events.

Next Meeting

24th January 2022.

I have suggested that The Clerk removes herself from attending the CSAG to save on her hours.