



**Worthing Together Transport Sub Group
16th January 2006
East Worthing Community Centre**

Note of meeting

Attendees:

Ian Richardson, Worthing Council of Community Association
Roger Foregard, Federation of Small Business
Bob Symtherman, Councillor Worthing Borough Council
Richard Wells, Principal Transport Planner, West Sussex County Council
Jeff Lake, Arun, Adur and Worthing Primary Care Trust
Donna Young, Senior Information and Consultation Officer, West Sussex County Council (Guest speaker)
Roy Barraclough, representing the Worthing CDRP
Clare Gardiner, Community Planning Officer, West Sussex County Council

1. Clarify the membership and Terms of Reference of this group

The group agreed :

The current membership list, and would invite other relevant representatives as appropriate.

To adopt the 'Role and Functions of the Sectoral Groups' paper as their Terms of Reference (with the one proviso explained above)

Roger Foregard volunteered to act as lead person for the group.

2. Accessibility Mapping for Worthing

Accessibility mapping is being undertaken using a GIS software that enables maps to be produced to show available access to GP surgeries, Hospitals, Schools, education centres, food shops that sell fresh produce, Job Centre Plus and employment centres, when travelling by public transport. Concentrating on households that do not have access to a car.

There are limits to what this information shows us, for example it may show what public transport is available, but it is not able to tell us if it is affordable to use.

This project is being undertaken by West Sussex County Council, in consultation with partners. A Strategy will be produced in February called the Accessibility Strategy. Access to this information tool will be available for all partners; access request should be made through Donna Young, Senior Information Officer, Environment and Development, West Sussex County Council.

The discussion broaden into thinking about how this tool may be useful to this group, particularly when considering the use of Community Transport. Group agreed to invite Julia Carrette to our next meeting to talk about Community Transport. Particular reference was made to Shopmobility and Dial –a- ride and issues of funding

It was noted that we should also consider how services are accessed, i.e. on the internet, travel is not always necessary. The County Council extended schools programme is an example of providing internet services for the community means less travelling is required.

Donna Young, invited individuals to contact her with any comments for the Accessibility Strategy.

3. Evening Transport in Worthing Town Centre

Roy Barraclough began by explaining why the CDRP had decided not to re-trial the night bus. It was not considered appropriate to continue to fund this scheme because it was not identified as a safe method of getting people home at night. Individuals could be followed and attacked before they reached their destination, as it was not a door to door service. Where as the taxi marshalling system is working well.

More taxi drivers have begun working in the evenings since the taxi marshal service has begun.

All agreed that further work around evening transport provision in Worthing should go ahead, looking at all possible solutions, not necessarily just a night bus service. Information would need to be pulled together to identify any gaps in provision, along with any evidence of need for transport services. A culture change around attitudes may help, educating individuals about taking 'responsibility' for their own journey home. There was a mention of some potential 5000 movements using the theatres clubs, and other venues.

Ideas discussed were:

Is there a need to de-regulate mini cabs so they can pick up from taxi rank during peak hours?

Divide rank into 'area' departures to further reduce queues and encourage sharing of taxis.

Promote and encourage more use of evening transport already available, working towards making developing other services more viable.

Group agreed to invite Mr Alan Hillar Campaign Co-ordinator “Remember Hayley Campaign” to gain his perspective.

4. Agree Recommendations to Worthing Together for future action, including suggestions for the Masterplan consultation process.

The Transport sub group recommends that Worthing Together endorse following actions:

- That Worthing Together collectively lobby Central Government regarding improvements to the A27, in writing.
- Instigate the following investigations:
 - investigate current transport provision prior to addressing the lack of bus provision in the evenings and weekends
 - a re-trial of late night bus scheme
- Make contact with Worthing First’s Transport Group, to combine efforts as appropriate and avoid duplication of effort.
- Develop a partnership project to encourage all to walk and cycle more called the Active Worthing Project
- **For Worthing Together to submit to the Master plan consultation process the following ideas:**

- 1.To investigate the purchase of the Stagecoach site in Marine Parade for redevelopment in keeping with the Master Plan.
- 2.Creation of a transport interchange at Teville Gate connecting all forms of public transport for Worthing.
- 3.Creation of Passways for service buses (PRIORITY FOR BUSES)
- 4.Real Time information is compatible with the established Brighton Hove system.
- 5.Investigate imposing charges for use of rail crossings particularly in peak times, again to help minimize congestion.
- 6.Encourage bus operators in Worthing to use the four road rail bridges more in Goring, Durrington, Broadwater and East Worthing rather than using the rail crossings at West Worthing and South Farm Road.

5.A.O.B.

Roger to send a letter of invitation to Liz Beth, of Sustrans inviting her to join the group.

Continue to include Roy Barraclough in circulation list, to keep a link with the CDRP

Roger requested that apologies be sent to if unable to attend meeting

Clare to arrange future meeting dates, between each future LSP meetings.