



Worthing Together Transport Sub Group
12th June 2006, 3 pm
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
Ken Costello, Worthing Borough Council
Jeff Lake, Arun, Adur and Worthing Primary Care Trust
Richard Wells, Principal Transport Planner, WSCC
Andy Warton, Passenger Transport Planner, WSCC
Sally Dovey, Rural Transport Partnership Officer, WSCC
Clare Gardiner, Community Planning Officer, West Sussex County Council

1. Apologies

No apologies received

2. Notes of last meeting

Agreed

3. Matters Arising

A27 draft letter – Ken and Richard to comment on draft – Clare to circulate

4. Update on work programme progress

A27 - Roger

Roger will continue to attend West Sussex County Council's A27 Task Force group and feed in this groups views.

Roger suggested the group might like to invite Compass Travel to one of our meetings. However, it would first be necessary to identify a clear purpose and concerns were raised that the group should not be seen to be favouring/leaning towards one particular transport provider. The group agreed to give this suggestion further consideration in the future.

Roger highlighted the West Sussex Transport Plan 2006-2016, as a document the group should all have access to. **Action** Richard to arrange copies for all members of the group.

Ken explained that the new stagecoach service would be a service running at ten minutes intervals. The group agreed that this was good news, but identified the need to focus on less popular routes and consider what solutions there may be to address this issue. It was recognised that this group doesn't feel it is empowered to commit any expenditure.

One idea suggested was to use buses dead times to provide much shorter pick up routes around the town.

No overall assessment of current provision has been examined by the group, nor is there an assessment of needs available. To effectively assess need a market research exercise would be required and this could cost around £20,000, whereas the provision of a pilot evening service could be provided for £30,000. Therefore, it may well be worth investigating ways to fund a pilot, regardless of a needs assessment.

Jeff suggested that we contact Donna Young, WSCC to establish if the access database includes travel time information to leisure facilities, this could be useful to build a picture of current access.

Action Andy agreed to provide the group with current bus service information.

Ken agreed to establish if John Thorpe (insert job title) has any information on how people travel to the theatres and if not perhaps when the survey of theatre goes is undertaken we could ask to add a question about 'how did you travel here today/tonight'.

It was agreed that a report/update from the CDRP around relevant projects should be requested. **Action** Clare to ask Roy Barraclough/Tina Favier to provide this update.

Action Bob volunteered to contact *Pallio (correct spelling)?* transport providers to gauge if they might be interested in running an alternative evening service in the town.

Active Worthing project - Jeff

Adverts now in place on the rear of buses encouraging the use of public transport.

Action Jeff would contact Julian Carrington to let all Worthing Together partners know its bike to work week from 17th –25th June. The AAW PCT, will hold its own event on 21st June and there will be an event in Durrington on 22nd June lead by County Council Travelwise team and the big employers in the area.

Leaflets including combining information on cycling, walking and health are being developed.

Training for active Worthing champions will be run in the work place of larger employers.

Jeff would like Worthing Together Group to all consider undertaking a Travelwise plan. There may be a capacity issue for some partners, but doing them at the same time, should allow extra support to be given by the County Council Travelwise team.

Masterplan - Roger

It was noted that no acknowledgement or reply has been received in response to this groups ideas on the Masterplan. This was raised at most recent LSP meeting, however the group were unsure who was meant to follow this up. Notes of the LSP meeting have not yet been circulated.

Action Roger encouraged all members of the group to attend the next round of public consultation. **Action** Roger to write to EDAW expressing support particularly for seafront cycle route.

5.The Off Road Link (ORL)

Ian in his role as Chairman of the Community Association, has begun to enable the provision of a pedestrian/cycle link between Pages Lane and Brooklands. Worthing Borough Council officers and the CVS have walked the route. The CVS know of funding available for this type of project. The ORL could also be extended right up to the Downs and beyond, as second phase of this project.

Ian would like to gain support from Worthing Together for this project. **Action** Clare to arrange with Julian for a separate agenda item to be included for the next LSP meeting on 11th July.

6. Identify guest speakers for next meeting

In view of Ian's work on the ORL, it was suggested that we contact Liz Beth of Sustrans again. **Action** Ken agreed to contact Liz direct.

7. A.O.B

Sally suggested a future agenda item around Car Clubs.

Bob highlighted a recent article, Transport for the Future in the Local Government Association magazine for all to note see URL for further information - www.lga.gov.uk

8.Date of next meeting

Action Clare will arrange a suitable date.