

Worthing Together Transport Sub Group
25 April 2006, 3:15 pm
East Worthing Community Centre



Note of Meeting

Attendees:

Roger Foregard, Federation of Small Businesses (Chair)
Ken Costello, Principal Planning Officer (Transport), WBC
Sally Dovey, Rural Transport Partnership Officer, WSCC
Jeff Lake, Arun, Adur and Worthing Primary Care Trust
Ian Richardson, Chair, Worthing Council of Community Associations
Richard Wells, Principal Transport Planner, WSCC
Andy Warton, Passenger Transport Planner, WSCC
Anne Jones, Community Planning Officer, WBC
John Saville, Chair, Worthing 1st Transport Group

1. Apologies

Heather McIntosh, WSCC
Clare Gardiner, Community Planning Officer, WSCC

2. Notes of last meeting

Agreed

3. Matters Arising

Ken reported that bus occupancy was up 90% in the first week of the new concessionary fares scheme. However, it was noted that disabled people who could not access buses are disadvantaged in having to pay for Dial a Ride transport. Concern was also raised re the active promotion of the free bus travel. It was felt that application forms could have been sent out with Council Tax bills.

4. Update on A27 Letter

Updated letter has been circulated to group members. Roger asked for comments from those who had not yet responded.

Roger reported that he had been co-opted onto the A27 task group and has attended two useful meetings. The first was with the Highways Agency, which is planning road shows re possible improvements to the A27. Ideas were also sought to draw up a draft programme of action. The second was with Stagecoach regarding the provision of their services within the district. Roger has fed the sub group's ideas into both meetings.

The group was concerned that no official acknowledgement had been received from EDAW regarding their Masterplan letter. Ken reported that the draft final Masterplan document is imminent and will be subject to further consultation.

5. Active Worthing Project

Jeff distributed copies of the Active Worthing Project proposals and May-August 2006 timetable. He explained that the Project links several different workstreams to draw attention to them, particularly via the "Feel Miles Better...Do Something Active Every Day" bus back campaign which will take place from 15 May till 6 August.

There was some discussion about Travel Plans. Ken confirmed that they are obligatory for planning permission for new businesses in Worthing with more than 30 employees. However, neither AAW PCT nor WBC currently has a Travel Plan.

6. Work Programme

The group spent some time completing the work programme (see attached).

John will seek to encourage local businesses to get involved in promoting an active Worthing through Worthing First.

7. Any Other Business

a. Representation on Worthing Together Steering Group

Roger currently sits on the LSP steering group by virtue of being chair of the transport sub group. It was agreed that Richard Wells would be his substitute.

b. West Sussex Economic Forum Attendance

Roger asked Richard if he could attend the West Sussex Economic Forum at Centenary House at 4 pm on 9 May on behalf of the Transport Sub Group.

c. Worthing County Local Committee

Roger encouraged group members to attend the meeting of the above at 6.30 pm on Wednesday, 26 April 2006 at Worthing College. Transport always takes up a large part of the Agenda.

d. Real Time Information at Bus Stops

Ken confirmed that real time timetable information was currently being rolled out to 12 bus stops in Worthing through the Quality Bus Partnership. This was funded and monitored by WSCC through their traffic control centre.

e. Co-ordination of Community Transport

Sally Dovey spoke about the brokerage scheme which the CVS is setting up to promote better co-ordination and integration of minibus ownership and usage. She also mentioned a group which is looking into hospital transport and linking volunteers from churches with GP surgeries.

8. Date of Next Meeting

To be agreed with Chair.