



**Worthing Together Transport Sub Group
23rd March, 2.30pm 2007
East Worthing Community Centre**

Note of meeting

Attendees:

Roger Foregard, Federation of Small Businesses (chair)
Ian Richardson, Worthing Council of Community Associations
Cllr Bob Smytherman, Worthing Borough Council
Ken Costello, Worthing Borough Council
Emma Parnaby, Worthing Borough Council
Ed McDermott, Worthing Borough Council
Darryl Hemmings, Transport Planner, WSCC

1. Apologies

Andy Warton, Passenger Transport Planner, WSCC
John Griffiths, West Sussex Brokerage Scheme

Roy Stannard has resigned as Chairman of Worthing First.

Sally Dovey is no longer in the post of rural transport planner, and will no longer be attending the group.

2. Notes of Last Meeting

The next meeting of the A27 task force was 18th April, not 13th September.

3. Matters arising

Roy Stannard has put Shopmobility in touch with company for possible commercial link up.

EM to carry forward the meeting with IR to discuss Healthy Walking Project.

Ron Patterson is progressing with CTC. **EM to proof read letter for Cllr Pemberton and circulate for comment.**

4. Durrington Cycling Scheme

Cllr Smytherman declared a personal interest in this item.

Darryl presented the proposed cycle route along the Boulevard in Durrington to the group. The consultation period ran from February to March and has formally ended, however views on the project are still being taken into account.

There has been a big response to the project. 200 letters were sent out, with 90 returned, with 40% being for the proposal and 60% against, mainly due to parking and parking restrictions.

Several options were considered in coming up with the plan, including pavement route, however the costs were too high, and this was the most feasible option.

The group raised a number of issues, including how the scheme will affect trade in the shops, and whether the plans could be linked to the school travel plan

Recommendation - The group having supported the idea previously support the proposals in principle with the proviso that safety, through traffic calming measures were adopted, and the matter on street parking is addressed.

5. Development of the Sustainable Community Strategy

A special working group of LSP partners has been set up to draft the new strategy in line with the latest Government guidance. The Government wants Sustainable Community Strategies to give greater prominence to tackling environmental problems.

A work stream will need to be developed, but rather than set up another group to look specifically at environmental issues, the working group is suggesting that transport and environmental issues are brought together in the same work stream and under the development of one group. This would mean expanding the remit and membership of the Transport Sub-Group to embrace environmental issues.

The supported the inclusion of the Environment within its remit. However none present felt appropriately qualified to express views on the subject and partners would have to be identified to participate in proceedings. **EM to identify relevant partners and invite to join group.**

The sub groups have an opportunity to review their contributions during the consultation on the SCS during June and July. It is envisaged that the strategy will be finalised in September and launched on 14 November at the LPS's Partnership event.

As part of the process thematic groups should contribute 2/3 achievable actions with demonstratable results within a year, i.e. by 31st March 2008. These should be based on a shared analysis of need and try to support

outcomes and targets in other strategies. **EM to investigate other strategies and circulate findings to group.**

Group to look at actions for strategy to be discussed at next meeting.

6. West Sussex Sustainability Forum

The West Sussex Sustainability Forum is an independent strategic partnership of public, private and voluntary organisations. It aims to encourage individuals, organisations and communities in West Sussex to play their part in creating a better quality of life for the people of the county.

In March 2005 they launched Time for Action a West Sussex Sustainability Strategy to provide an overarching guide for achieving sustainable development in West Sussex. The Forum meets three times a year to increase understanding of, and help attendees to develop actions which address specific issues outlined in Time for Action.

EM attended the most recent forum, which discussed the issues of sustainable travel and energy efficiency. The group will produce a newsletter on this meeting. **EM to circulate newsletter when it is produced.**

The group raised the matter of travel plans in Worthing and asked if this was included in the LDF for large sites. KC reported that at the moment this was not included in the LDF and that at the moment there was no obligation for developers to do this. However the LDF is a working document and this could change in the future.

7. Updates

- Off Road Link:

IR and EM are to meet with Valerie Carter, Rural Sector Director at SEEDA, on Wed 28th March to discuss ORL and look at ways to take the project forward. **IR to report back at next meeting.**

Roger had produce a paper on the ORL but still needs to fill gaps concerning costings. When this is finalised a meeting should be arranged with WBC representatives.

- **A27**

The A27 task group will be taken to the County's Strategic and Environmental Select Committee on 16th May.

- **Active Worthing**

Nothing further report.

EM to arrange meeting with IR to discuss East Worthing Community Association involvement in project.

8. Community Transport

Cllr Smytherman reported that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are doing a review of the community transport provision in Worthing, and advised that the Transport group should be able to feed into this process with the work that the group has done. RF agreed to represent the group in the process.

EM to contact Mark Lowe to find out process for this.

9. Taxi Licensing

Cllr Smytherman reported that the Licensing Committee on Wed 21st March agreed to the deregulation for taxi licensing in Worthing. A report will go to the committee in September on how this will work.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business

Date of next meeting – Ed to arrange