



**Worthing Together Transport & Environment Partnership  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2008, 2.30pm  
East Worthing Community Centre**

**Notes of meeting**

**Attendees:**

Roger Foregard, Federation of Small Businesses (chair)  
Julian Carrington, Worthing Borough Council  
Ian Richardson, Worthing Council of Community Associations  
Ken Costello, Worthing Borough Council  
Andy Warton, Passenger Transport Planner, WSCC  
Darryl Hemmings, Transport Planner, WSCC  
Cllr Bob Smytherman, WBC  
Cllr Geraldine Lissenburg, WBC  
Cllr Peter Green, WSCC

**1. Apologies**

Carina Strutt, Environment Agency  
Victoria Brown, WSCC  
Nicky Bleakley, WSCC  
Keith Chamberlain, WBC  
Paul Willis, WBC

**2. Notes of Last Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

Agreed as accurate.

**3. Matters Arising**

**(i) Rogers Review of Regulatory Services**

JC provided an update on the Borough Council's actions following consultation with stakeholders. The following areas had been identified as local priorities:

- *Local environmental quality*
- *Private sector housing standards*
- *Noise*
- *Taxi licensing*

Other priorities that would be kept under review were:

- *Improving local seawater quality*
- *Contaminated land*

#### 4. Partner update

As DH was leaving the meeting early, RF asked him to give his report at this juncture.

##### Cycle routes

- Worthing Town Centre to Broadwater route adopted by County Local Committee on 16 January 2008 and earmarked for 2008/09 capital programme. The development of Northbrook College, and any comments from the Highways Authority, would be taken into account.
- Boulevard scheme yet to go out to consultation but earmarked for 2009/10 capital programme.
- Town Centre to Findon route also under consideration and earmarked for 2008/09.

#### 5. Interim Worthing Sustainable Community Strategy

##### (i) Feedback on Draft Version 3

RF highlighted a number of points from the Feedback report of particular relevance to this group.

##### (ii) Final agreement of Goal 1: A Clean and Green Town

It was accepted, with regret, that there was no-one to organise a Climate Change Conference for Worthing, eg WBC did not have a sustainability officer. Therefore it was agreed to delete this as an immediate priority and to concentrate instead on supporting the West Sussex Greening Campaign.

It was also agreed to subsume sustainable transport into any future work on climate change and to delete this as an immediate priority.

Given the feedback on Teville Stream (currently hazardous to health), it was also agreed to drop this as an immediate priority and include it under longer term work, linked to the proposal to develop an Off Road Link.

**Action: JC to update Interim SCS Goal 1 and to invite relevant officers from WSCC to attend the next meeting to present on the West Sussex Greening Campaign.**

##### (iii) Next steps

It was intended to take the ISCS to the LSP Steering Group on 30 January for adoption.

#### 6. Partners Updates

##### (i) A27

KC reported that a Task Force had been established to make recommendations to Tex Pemberton (WSCC) and the Highways Agency.

## **(ii) Community Transport**

KC reported that WSCC were carrying out a review of CT services linked to day care provision. PCT were also researching local CT provision. WBC Overview & Scrutiny Committee, after looking into local CT services, had recommended that Adur and Worthing CT services should merge if possible, and this recommendation had been accepted by the Cabinet. However, Adur DC would not be providing funding to Adur Community Transport in 2008/09, and the grant to Adur Dial-a-Ride, currently managed by ACT, was still under review. BS noted that this might affect merger prospects and the previously mooted Adur/Worthing brokerage scheme.

## **(iii) Worthing Coastal Rail Services**

IR had spoken to Nigel Searle from Southern Trains responsible for timetables. The Southampton to Brighton service was not included in the renewal franchise documentation issued by Department of Transport. Nevertheless, Southern Trains would be offering this service but in a reduced form. This was further evidence of the erosion of coastal services generally.

BS reported that WBC Cllr Alan Rice had asked the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee look at Network Rail in the future.

## **(ii) School Travel**

Update from Victoria Brown, who had replaced Nicola Coleridge, by email:

My name is Victoria Brown and I am the School Travel Advisor for the Worthing area. I have written a short piece to bring you up to date with the current situation with the Worthing schools, for the Worthing Transport & Environment Partnership meeting.

Currently we have 20 schools in Worthing that have achieved Travel Mark level one of the School Travel Plan criteria. Of these 20, at least 10 of them are actively progressing towards Travel Mark Level Two status. Only one school, so far, in Worthing has achieved Travel Mark Two status and that is Vale First & Middle School. They are very keen to continue on to reach Travel Mark Three which is very encouraging. There are nine schools that have not yet achieved Travel Mark status, but in the last three months I have been working closely with these schools, spending a lot of time on site and with the pupils, parents and teachers themselves and am confident that seven of these schools will submit their completed Travel Plans by 31st March 2008 deadline and achieve the Travel Mark accreditation.

The figures really do speak for themselves when determining whether the Travel Plan's are having an impact and playing a part in the promotion of sustainable

travel. Since the introduction of Travel Plans to the Worthing schools in 2005 there have been significant results:

Downsbrook School has seen a 30.07% increase in walking.

Heene School has achieved a 33.08% increase in walking.

Broadwater School has seen the huge increase of 51.06% walking.

Vale First & Middle school has managed to reduce single occupancy car journeys by 25.62%. Broadwater has created an impressive 51.48% reduction in single occupancy car journeys.

Goring By Sea School has increased its car sharing figures by 49.48%

English Martyrs also increasing their car sharing by 30.15%.

A School Safety Zone was put in place in November 2007 by the Safer Routes to Schools team on Rectory Gardens for Broadwater School, and is now complete.

I will continue to promote the benefits of Travel Plans to all the Worthing schools as I believe the successes will continue to rise; and know that each school is contributing towards making Worthing a safer, greener and less congested town.

I hope this short report will be useful for your meeting and my apologies for not being available.

## **7. Information items**

None

## **8. AOB**

None

JC