

Minutes of a Meeting of the steering Group of Haslemere Vision held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, 22nd July 2014

Present: Stewart Brown, Penny Bradley, Peter Isherwood, Cyndy Lancaster, John Moxon, Vicki Purewal, Robert Serman, David Simmons and Diana Vartan

1. Apologies: Lesley Banfield, Crawford Christie, Richard Oldham and Robert Silk

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

It was noted that the thank you that had been expressed at the July 22nd meeting to Crawford Christie, Robert Silk and Stephen Mulliner for the amount of expertise and time spent in the production of the Consultation Document had been inadvertently omitted from the draft minutes. As too had the thanks had been expressed to David Simmons and Diana Vartan for identifying a less expensive way in which the document could be printed and delivered. The Minutes of the previous meeting were thus amended and approved.

3. Matters Arising

Item 4 Follow up to the Wey Hill Fairground Workshop

Following the Fairground Workshop, Lesley Banfield had held a meeting on July 15th to plan the next steps in developing the ideas generated at the workshop into alternative propositions that can be included in the Phase 2 consultation. Lesley, David O'Brien, Philippa Guest and Chloe Nash will be working on this.

4. Update on the progress of the Consultation

Approximately 350 replies had been received at the time of the meeting. It was agreed that we need a minimum of 500 responses and that a figure nearer 1,000 should still be our aim. It was agreed that promotional activity should be stepped up in the final week to July 31st and that we should then plan to extend the consultation period through to the end of August.

Action: SB to send a further round robin to all volunteers urging them to canvas as many friends and family as possible in the last week.

SB to appeal for volunteers to hand out leaflets at the station one evening in the final week and on Saturday August 2nd.

SB to write a letter and a further article announcing the extension to the Haslemere Herald and the Messenger to appear in the July 31st editions.

CL to contact Haslemere Groups re extension of consultation and ask them to advise their members during week commencing August 4th

5. WBC Local Plan

Peter Isherwood reported his understanding of the likely WBC timetable following an all day meeting that had been held with councillors, officers and a planning inspector to review that latest proposals on housing numbers prior to publication. PI could not confirm the number of houses that will be proposed for Haslemere and believes that the WBC consultation on these will not start until Mid-September or later. It was agreed that HV cannot sensibly carry out its own consultation on housing until the new WBC proposal is known and it was therefore agreed that the Phase 2 consultation be delayed to November 2014.

6. Future Timetable and Organisation

The meeting discussed a provisional revision to the future timetable as a result of the delay in the Phase 2 consultation to November. The PLG will develop a detailed revised programme and circulate it within the next two weeks but it was concluded that it is now unlikely that it will be possible to have the Neighbourhood Plan ready for external review before June of 2015.

SB circulated Group Briefing Notes, drafted by Crawford Christie, which are attached to this Minute. These expand on the idea, agreed at the previous meeting, that we should identify named groups of three or four individuals to lead the work on developing the major strands for the next consultation document and the policies for the final plan. The proposal to work this way was agreed. The three proposed Policy Development Groups (PDGs) were agreed. The first four Option Development Groups (ODGs) were agreed but PB and others questioned why Group 5 was needed as questions on the station and the town centre had already been included in Phase 1. They were also concerned that the Phase 2 document be kept as brief and focussed on the major housing and land use issues as possible. DS felt that there should be questions/proposals on the station and town centre in Phase 2 but that these should be developed by the Transport Policy Development Group. The meeting was also divided on whether CIL Options should be included in the consultation. It was agreed that the PLG should be asked to review this and either drop the two items or make the case for their inclusion in time for the next SG meeting.

With reference to the Group Briefing Notes it was noted that the following names have, so far, been suggested to lead the proposed new groups

PDG 1. Community Action Policies - MB

PDG 2. Business and Economy - JM, RSi and CL

PDG 3. Transport, Traffic and Parking - DS, Stephen Bennett and Richard Workman

ODG 1. Housing, numbers and location - John Greer, Crawford Christie, Peter Isherwood and Matthew Mannering.

ODG 2. Influencing the Nature of Housing Development and other planning issues - SM, DO'B, RSe (possibly, Chris Medland?)

ODG 3. Options for Wey Hill and Wey Hill Car Park - LB, D'OB and PS (Chris Medland?)

ODG 4. Options for Beacon Hill and Hindhead: PI to recruit other group members

ODG 5. Options for Haslemere Town Centre and Station areas: to be finalised

ODG 6. Options for the use of the Community Investment Levy: to be finalised

Action: SB to approach the nominees

PI to recruit group members for Hindhead and Beacon Hill

The importance of including Health and Social Care issues in the consultation and the eventual plan was discussed.

Action: JM to ascertain, before the next meeting, whether the Haslemere Health Group wish to include a section in the November consultation.

7. Date of next Meeting

Wednesday, 27 August 2014 at 8pm in the Haslemere Town Hall

The following dates were also planned:

Tuesday, 23 September

Wednesday, 22 October

Tuesday, 18 November

Wednesday 17th December

Tuesday January 20th 2015