

**MINUTES OF HASLEMERE VISION STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD AT HASLEMERE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2015**

1. Members: Stewart Brown (Chairman)*, Crawford Christie *, David Simmons*, Cyndy Lancaster*, Liz Burton*, Peter Sherratt*, John Moxon*, Robert Silk*, Simona Teresi*, Lesley Banfield (A), Simon Drake (A), Jonny Fry (A), Diana Vartan(A)*, Peter Isherwood (A), Vicki Purewal (A), Stephen Mulliner (A).

*=Present (A) = Apologies

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 September were approved after a minor correction under item 5 where "CL" should read "CC".

3. Matters Arising:

- The date of the next **AGM** was now changed to 7.30pm on 11 November 2015. **Action: JF** to circulate the agenda
- **Assets of Community Value:** it was agreed to postpone discussion due to no responses having yet been received to SB's email.

4. Stage 2 Consultation progress and publicity activities:

- LBU reported limited attendance at the Sept 19 workshop, although volunteers also reached out to many more people on Lion Green attending the Food Festival, generally getting a positive response. The very good display of materials would now go up in Haslemere Museum for 5 weeks, but still needed some extra work to smarten it up.
- SB expressed a vote of thanks to LBU and all the other volunteers involved (VP, PG, CC, David, Richard etc...) for all their great efforts in organising the Sept 19 Workshop.
- The final document had now been hand delivered by various volunteers to the GU27 3** postal code areas missed out by Royal Mail.
- The consultation deadline had now been extended from Oct 31 to Nov 14 2015.
- Publicising extended deadline:
 - LBU reported materials (leaflets, posters, etc) had been prepared, to be placed around the town and leaflets had gone out to some 5000 homes (with some GU27 3** postcodes inevitably missed out due to Royal Mail boundary issues). 500 leaflets remained - **Action: CC, SB, LBU, CL, DV, DS** all volunteered to distribute these around shops/ businesses and as yet unresponsive streets, together with the consultation document; LBU to place any surplus leaflets at Haslemere Hall.
 - **Action: SB** to (a) contact Eagle radio re. a news bulletin about the extended deadline, the large number of returns already received but the need to get more; (b) ask DC to publicise new deadline on the website.

5. Arrangements for October 20th Policy Writers Workshop:

The workshop would consist of 3 parts: (a) Next steps proposal, culminating in the 1st draft of the NP (b) Working through the policy writing process and (c) CC to address how sustainability will fit in.

6. Future Timetable/ Tasks:

- Policy Writing workshop 20 October 2015
- CC to invite someone from Cranleigh to talk on sustainability – date/ location to be decided.
- 1st draft of the NP to be ready for review by HTC by 1 May 2016
- NP draft to be agreed with HTC by end June 2016
- NP to be published for the community to comment – precise timing to be ascertained, ideally after WBC publish their plan.

7. Report on Meeting of Waverley Neighbourhood Planning Groups:

- LBU reported Farnham Town Council had invited HV as well as Chiddingfold and Cranleigh NP groups to a meeting - about 25 people attended. Farnham have higher housing numbers and are further along the process than HV. They would like a meeting with WBC for all NP groups to discuss the strategy for the Local Plan, addressing Questions such as:
 - Is the strategy right?
 - Is the Key Towns emphasis OK, or should rural brownfield sites be looked at more/ housing be distributed more widely?
 - Infrastructure needs/ improvements
 - Better ways of working with WBC
- After discussion it was agreed that HV should be represented at the meeting in alongside HTC. **Action:** LBU had asked Farnham for a clear agenda and would circulate. **SB** to contact WBC to find out what had happened regarding a similar meeting that they had proposed.
- It had been suggested at the Farnham meeting that each NP group should prepare a list of "Lessons Learnt to date". It was agreed that this would be a good idea. **Action: SB** to circulate a draft to SG members.

8. Update on Transport Study:

- LBU reported the Transport Study was going out to tender this week
- LBU reported a networking list of people to be kept informed had been agreed. **Action: LBU** to circulate to SG members to see if anyone had been missed out.
- Candidates from HV, HTC and WBC were still needed on the list.
- It was agreed that it would be a good idea to bring HTC up to speed on the request for tender **Action: SB** to organise a meeting with NB, MO and PS

9. Sustainability Update:

- CC proposed that a contact from Cranleigh be invited to talk on sustainability to inform the Policy Writing workshop and process. **Action: CC** to take forward and propose a date and location.
- There were no further developments for now. **Action SB** to keep this item on the agenda.

10. AOB.

- PS reported HTC needed an idea of budget from HV for the year commencing April 2016. **Action: SB** to provide to PS by 1st half of November.
- JM reported on a Chamber of Commerce Meeting on the shift in retailing to out of town centres: Haslemere came out as one of the towns with fewest vacancies in retail space; there was much talk on Parking; progress was being made on the Hub and vacant space had been found in the offices above Grayswood Computers behind Pizza Express .
- LBU reported that the 1st draft of the Hindhead/ Beacon Hill consultation had been written and now needed some more expert input. **Action: LBU** to circulate to whole group for feedback

11. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 11 November at 8.00pm

Meeting ended at 9.30 pm