

Haslemere Vision : Transport Group (“TG”)

Notes on meeting 8 held in Haslewey on Monday 3rd March 2014 at 7:30

Present: Nikki Barton, Ken Griffiths, Cyndy Lancaster, Stephen Mulliner, Chloe Nash, Marianne O'Brien, David Round, Robert Serman, David Simmons, Richard Workman.

Apologies: Andy Braithwaite, David O'Brien, David Boyd. **Absent:** Paul Megson, Stephen Bennett

Chairman: David Round, who also took notes of the meeting.

1. Minutes of Meeting 7 (21/1/14). They had been circulated and were approved. No matters arose. Nikki Barton arrived.

2. Commuter parking questionnaire - update. A small group had been convened to take this forward. Stephen Mulliner and David Round had met David Boyd who had produced the preferred format of a questionnaire (“Q”), considered briefly at the previous meeting. Paul Megson was also to join but suffered train problems. There was agreement on the content of the Q which could be produced in an A5 folded format – that is, one sheet of A4 folded. Q on the inside, giving enough space, and explanatory material on the front and back covers. But we needed to agree wording for the covers. The latest version had not been circulated and David R held up A4 samples – they would be circulated after the meeting (*done*) and all were requested to study it and email suggestions for the cover words. (*Still outstanding : please would everyone do this*). Otherwise it was agreed to leave the prosecution of this to the small group, and many volunteered to help distribute it – which means being at the railway station early! In particular: Cyndy, David R, Ken, Richard, Robert and Stephen M. Since the meeting it emerged that David Boyd had stepped down from the Vision as a whole – unconnected specifically with the Transport Group but he was willing to help on the Q. Stephen Mulliner had meanwhile had success in extracting Post Code analyses of cars parked in Haslemere (we record the licence plates; the DVLA analyses them) through Haslemere Town Council’s ability to ask the DVLA. This was a most welcome aid and Stephen had already analysed many. He took us through a summary of the statistics for 2048 cars. He stressed that while the DVLA analyses were very helpful we still needed to do our own Q as it should add significantly to our understanding. We should also concentrate on establishing what people’s future wishes were, and not just how they got to the station now (the Q allows for this). Regarding the actual distribution of the Q, it was hoped this could be done before Easter and that the conclusions from it could be distilled in time for the Charter Fair

3. Relating our TG ideas to other work groups. David R had circulated a version of our Report (to the SG (Steering Group) in November 2013) highlighting those aspects which in his view could be construed as relating to land use, those which supported or complemented issues in other WGs, and those which conflicted. None conflicted. Cyndy welcomed the paper saying it was laid out clearly and she was amused by David R’s claim that *our top 5 issues were these 7...* No-one dissented from this summary and we agreed to send it to the SG although perhaps not in that format. **Action: DVR**

4. Writing Policies; and the Charter Fair. David R explained that The Vision was now proceeding to write policies, which needed ultimately to go in the Plan, and where the public would be invited to offer opinions on them first. We needed to agree two representatives of the TG to join the “*Policy Drafting Group*” or PDG. But first, David R raised the issue of our ventilating our ideas and options – as we had been dissuaded from developing proposals – so that the public’s view could be taken into account **first**, as we had been given to believe would happen. It was agreed that we should press on with this. The Charter Fair is – as said before – the ideal opportunity and it was agreed, again, that the TG wished to display our ideas, and seek public feedback at the Charter Fair. David R would communicate this view back to the SG. **Action: DVR**

In identifying a pair for the PDG, three expressed interest: David R, Stephen M and Nikki. Many suggested Andy Braithwaite (who could not attend the meeting) but, as it transpired only the following morning, Andy too had resigned from the Vision and would not be available. Not knowing that at the time, David R suggested all should sleep on it to consider if there were any more names and communicate by email the following morning, as a matter of urgency, as he had to supply two names to the SG immediately. Ken pointed out that the two names for the Culture Group had already been supplied and since all deliberations and documents emanating from the “*Policy Drafting Group*” would be circulated to all members of the TG it was of less consequence as to who exactly formed the pair; and there would be much work to be done. In the event, no extra names emerged immediately and David R communicated two names, too hastily as it turned out, as it became clear that a number supported Nikki as one of the pair. The pair is Nikki and Stephen M. They commenced work on 7 March.

Many offered to help working on our material for the Charter Fair. Most of the TG wanted to be involved but particularly Robert, Stephen M, Richard, Davids S and R, Ken, Cyndy and maybe Chloe – almost everyone!

4. A O B.

(a) The Fairground car park was discussed briefly. The public ballot on the Vision’s approach, organised mainly by Ken and David R, had gone extremely well and Waverley had withdrawn their application. It was recognised that the Vision must now concentrate on getting ideas as to what Haslemere could do with that land and all were encouraged to give the matter thought.

(b) Ken raised an issue concerning Ventnor (a town on the IOW) where the local authority had managed to gain control, and fiscal control, over its car parks. The idea was attractive.

8. Next Meeting Tentatively chosen as 26th March

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