

**MINUTES OF HASLEMERE VISION STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD AT HASLEMERE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2015**

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

2. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 July were approved.**

3. **Matters Arising:**

- **Policy Writers Workshop:** as the Stage 2 Consultation/ Housing workshop are now taking place in Sept, there are not enough volunteers and this is now deferred to mid-October. **Action: SB** awaiting confirmation on dates.
- The **Transport Workshop** would then need to take place in mid-November.
- The next **AGM** is being planned to take place immediately before the next SG meeting now scheduled for Tues 15 Sept, and in any case needs to be before end Sept 2015. **Action: JF** to confirm date (NOTE: It has subsequently been established that the meeting can be held up to three months after the end of September and agreed that it will be held before the SG meeting on October 14th)
- **Transport project group:** LBU did meet with Fernhurst/ SDNP reps and as she is away there is nothing further to report other than that progress is underway.
- **Housing Consultation:** JM has obtained a quote from the Chamber of Trade.

4. **Stage 2 Consultation final arrangements:** The final document was now with the printers, and would be with Royal Mail between 20th and 28th August.

- The consultation will go live on the website on 7 Sept, the first day of delivery of the paper document, as it needs to be consulted alongside the online questions.
- A public workshop will take place on 19 Sept at the Haslewey Centre. This coincides with the Food Festival on Lion Green on the same day, so people can drop in on their way. There will be a stand and volunteers are needed. **Action: SB** to send Emails out in the next 2 weeks seeking volunteers to help out.
- The week before the 7 Sept launch, 5 banners and 5 sets of A3 notice boards will be distributed around the town asking people to fill in the Survey.
- **Action: SM** will collect 12/13 ballot boxes being procured from WBC

5. **Future Timetable/ Tasks:** - A revised timetable had been circulated before the meeting.

- Communication Programme: this was underway and CL reported that 4 articles had been placed in the Herald and the Messenger over 4 weeks, with the first one appearing last week, raising various issues for people to think about. Also there would be slots on Eagle Radio between at the beginning of September. **Action: CL** to contact people with databases such as Haslemere Society and Sports Clubs.

- With the online survey launch now delayed till 7 Sept, other items on the timetable such as Ad Boards/ Document to Royal Mail/ collection and distribution of ballot boxes were now scheduled in line with this date.

- Collection of returned forms: **Action: CL, DV, RS and DS** all volunteered to cover the various collection points. At present responses would be collected until 31 October, this would be extended if it was felt necessary.

6. Assets of Community Value: - A discussion took place on whether HV should seek to list assets now in order not to miss the boat if any of them come up for sale? If so which ones?

-A proposed list prepared by MB was circulated: it was agreed that there was not much point in listing land presently owned by WBC (eg. Youth campus, Town Meadow, etc). Other assets such as the hotel and pubs were probably best left to the market as long as there are several in the town. However, a watching brief should be kept because this might change if too many were sold for other uses. The meeting concluded that it could not identify any assets as priority to list now, with the possible exception of the Apple Tree pub which, as the last remaining pub in the Shottermill/Wey Hill area should, perhaps, be protected from change of use.

Action: SB to circulate these conclusions to the remainder of the Steering Group and ask for agreement/alternative suggestions.

7. Sustainability progress report: In the absence of CC and LB, SB reported that WBC was now providing a more proactive service for the NP. At a meeting that CC and SB had had with WBC, Matthew Ellis indicated that it is highly likely that we will need to do a sustainability assessment because of the close proximity of sites, such as Baron's, to protected heathland like the Devil's Punch Bowl. CC has undertaken to complete a very detailed questionnaire which WBC will then use to advise HV on whether an SA is required. Completing this will take some time and, given WBC's preliminary advice that we will need one, it was decided that, in the meantime, we should seek to establish the likely cost. It was noted that other Neighbourhood Groups such as Farnham, Petersfield & Cranleigh, had commissioned external reports and that we should find out what they had cost. We should also check other, recently successful NPs, for guidance.

Conclusion: It seems that there is a serious chance that an SEA/ SA will have to be done, but it is not yet clear if this will need expensive external input. We should establish whether it could take place later in the process and how long it would take. It was agreed that we should be avoid spending any money until we are sure that we have to, even if this delays the completion of the plan.

Action: CC, PG & LB to put together and submit the 3-4 page response to WBC and to assess whether we can defer carrying out the SA if required. **PS** to ask the Deputy Town Clerk to ask other NP Groups what they have paid for their SAs.

8. AOB. none

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday 15 September

Action SB: to send dates of future meetings by email.

Meeting ended at 9.30 pm.