

**MINUTES OF HASLEMERE VISION STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD AT HASLEMERE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 20th April 2016**

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

*=Present (A) = Apologies

In attendance: Alistair Bayliss to discuss CLTs (Item 5 below).

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th March 2016 were approved.

3. Matters Arising: all covered in the points below.

4. Progress and process for completing the policies:

SB reported that policy writing had been slower than hoped due to a shortage of available volunteers. Drafting the policies, was still the key focus at present but the response of those councillors who had been involved in reviewing the policies that had been completed indicated that the writing of the visionary part of the document was now urgent in order to put the policies in context.

- At least two 2 workshops are to be organised in the next 6 weeks to look at all the policies together and identify any overlaps and contradictions.
 - One would consider the housing and economy related policies, including the consideration of policies for the five major sites.
 - The other will consider the transport related policies, though we may need to seek expert advice before the workshop can be usefully held.
- Still awaiting Environmental policies – CC confirmed that we will have 4 of the 5 proposed policies in time for for the meetings but the Sustainable Construction Standards Policy required expert knowledge which the current team do not poses.. **Action:** At SB's suggestion **CC** to email Jane Devlin of Transition Haslemere to see if she could help.
- CC noted that we still need to draft the specific policies relating to the five major sites. **Action: CC and LBU** to consider whether the policies re the five sites could be drafted in the course of the workshop.
- Date for the first workshop: week of May 9 was proposed, with no more than 15 people attending
- Attendance: should be a relatively small. Need 1 or 2 people with specific planning expertise, representation from each of the drafting groups (including, ideally, the leader of each group) and members of the HTC policy liaison group.
- Format: A discussion (1) on Strategy: agree what the big issues are and then (2) Draft the policies . The focus should be on just 2 main issues: Housing and Employment.
- The land use strategy and 5 Sites are important and complex enough to have another meeting solely focussing on them, if necessary.

As for the Strategic/ aspirational issues of the Vision, these should be worked on in parallel. **Action: the PLG** to meet to review the resource needed to get this done.

5. Proposals to establish Steering Groups to take forward community action:

HV has been a catalyst in generating action on some important potential community projects with the two frontrunners being the following:

● **Community Land Trust to build affordable housing**

Some 60 people in the Housing Consultation survey said they would consider getting involved in the project of setting up a CLT. AB expressed an interest in this area end 2015, has done some research and has volunteered to set up a public meeting to put the idea forward and seek volunteers from the community to join a steering group that would work under the wing of HV but independently of the main HV steering group..

CLTs are a growing movement with some 170 so far around the country. The idea originated in the US where it is been very successful. There is a Federation of CLTs that offers considerable help and advice with finance, consultancy, possible legal fees and all aspects of setting up in the early phases, as well as help in how to raise further finance later on.

Importantly, CLT's are exempt from the right to buy - at the moment - so the community can keep control of cheaper housing longer term as opposed to so-called "affordable" housing which is quickly sold at a profit.

The idea was discussed and it was agreed that, although the availability of land was a key unresolved issue, a public meeting could set wheels in motion in getting a body of people interested and involved and creating some momentum. This, subsequently, could lead to land being identified or put forward, perhaps more than one small site to create several small developments.

CC pointed out land could be identified not just for housing but also for "affordable" business units. An external speaker for the public meeting was presently being sought through a contact in a CLT in Cumbria, though if this failed to materialise excellent videos and resources are available from the National CLT Federation. **Action SB:** set a date in the next 2 weeks and start advertising widely.

Action LBU: to follow up on when can get a free ad in local monthly magazines such as Vantage Point. **AB:** To investigate possible dates at the Museum for an evening meeting in the 2nd half of June.

● Station Travel Plan (STP)

LBU reported the Travel plan was accessible online for internal viewing only, and there were still some downloading issues. The target date for public publication was still not known.

A Community Rail Partnership (CRP) meeting had been organised for 27th May with Steve Ford of Hopper, SW Trains, Nikki Barton, Melanie, LBU and Ken in attendance, to try and identify members to form a Steering Group, as recommended by the Consultants, as the essential next step if this was going to go anywhere. HV would remain as a partner but it was still to be decided which organisation would take overall responsibility for taking the travel action plan forward. It was agreed that 1 or 2 members from the Transport Group should join the STP Steering Group but that HV should be cautious about taking overall responsibility for the STP Action Plan. **Action: DS and LBU** to discuss which members of Transport Group to join the STP Steering Group at their next meeting. Noted: £ 3000 in funding was still earmarked for the Transport Project.

LBU also pointed out that the Haslemere Station Shop (formerly Dry Cleaners) was available as a promotion space for HV for eg. posters, PowerPoints, drop-in comments, rotating video. **Action: CC** undertook to provide an animated version of the consultation results slides as our first contribution.

6. Hindhead and Beacon Hill Consultation Update:

LBU said the consultation was under way, leaflet being distributed.

Agreed:

- To distribute copies in the Messenger for £40 + VAT
- To run a Herald/ Messenger article as well to publicise the consultation.

Action: LBU to brief **DV** who will draft a piece for the Herald.

7. Consideration of Proposal to apply to list the Wey Centre as an Asset of Community Value:

- Discussion postponed in view of LB's absence.
- Before considering the Heights as a contender for ACV – **Action: DS** to seek to establish the current situation through a contact and report back.

8. AOB:

While recognising the importance of avoiding HV and HTc sending mixed message, GH's email proposing that all communications with Waverley on Housing policies are to be directed through HTC was considered unworkable. **Action SB:** to clarify an effective working relationship

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th May at 8.00pm at the Town Hall.

Meeting ended at 10 pm