

Notes of Transport Partnership Meeting

Tuesday 1st August 2017, Jubilee Library

Attendees:

Cllr Gill Mitchell	BHCC - Chair
Andrew Renaut	BHCC – City Transport
Nick Hibberd	BHCC – Executive Director
Simon Newell	Brighton & Hove Connected
Alistair Hill	BHCC Public Health
Geoff Waller	Project Centre
Rob Dickin	BHCC
Cllr Lee Wares	BHCC
Stephen Young	Living Streets
Andrew Cheeseman	Tourism Alliance / City Cabs
Tony Breslin	Radio Cabs
Roger Blake	Rail Future
Peter Elvidge	Brighton Area Bus Watch
Martin Harris	Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Co
Mark Strong	Community Works
Dave Brookshaw	Brighton & Hove Local Access Forum
Steve Percy	People’s Parking Protest
Mark Greening	Brighton MAG
Cat Fletcher	Community Works (Sustainability rep)

Item	Subject
1	<p><u>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</u></p> <p>Members of the Partnership were welcomed and introduced themselves.</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mark Prior (BHCC – City Transport) - Tony Janio (BHCC - subbed by Lee Wares) - Tony Turner (Radio Cabs / subbed by Tony Breslin) - Andrew Boag (Brighton Area Bus Watch / subbed by Peter Elvidge) - Chris Todd (Biosphere Partnership) <p>The group was informed that Cllr Lee Wares will be joining the Transport Partnership on a permanent basis, instead of Cllr Janio.</p>

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2	<p><u>Chairs Communication</u></p> <p>AR briefed the group on future bid / funding opportunities</p> <p>Nationally there have been three highlights relevant to the Partnership from the government's published Transport Strategy. AR briefly explained the principal behind and / allocation of funding from the major roads network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government has published its Clean Air Plan (the Low Emission Zone in North street and Western Road was mentioned). • An Expression of Interest has been submitted for technical support for the Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan - the outcome should be known in the Autumn. • The Southeast sub National Transport Body met up for the first time. • Coast to Capital enterprise partnership has £11m left to be allocated (bid deadline is early Sept), a decision/outcome for allocation of remaining funding is expected by the end of November. <p>AR mentioned to the group that all this information can also be found on the government's webpages.</p> <p>MH queried if the minutes are available from the sub national meeting, AR informed that they will be available in due course.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes and Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Point 6 was raised from previous minutes – CWIS and the LCWIP side needs to be put in for clarity. Disappointment was raised about the Partnership not having been consulted and felt that the bid needed the input of stakeholders; The Chair said this would be considered in the future.</p> <p>An Officer stated that the current stage was just an Expression of Intent and that it will be followed up with a presentation at the next partnership meeting.</p>
4	<p><u>Transport Project Updates</u></p> <p>Apologies were made for the late delivery of the Project Updates, copies were then distributed and updates briefly elaborated on.</p> <p>Comment given that Elm Grove was a good example of community processes. A Shelter Hall bypass surfacing request had been made/flagged up, an Officer responded saying options for this will be looked at. If any reps have any projects they are involved in, they can put this forward to be included in the project updates.</p> <p>Action 4.1 – AR to look at Shelter Hall bypass surfacing options</p>

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5	<p data-bbox="280 259 863 293"><u>Update on Actions to Address Air Quality</u></p> <p data-bbox="280 327 756 360">A Programme Board will be created.</p> <p data-bbox="280 394 1270 495">Connect the dots – is where things are going. We will have a bigger item on this later in the year. This item will now be presented at the meeting in September</p> <p data-bbox="280 528 1286 696">Air quality – retro fits on mini buses that have gone well, electric taxi's, can't charge them, whoever gets to charging points first stays there all day. Also council charging facilities are very slow charging, will there be any more charge points (can't charge four taxis at the moment), otherwise unable to go forward.</p> <p data-bbox="280 730 1299 931">AR – feedback that hubs are centred in busy areas where there are rapid chargers. Mentioned street lighting stock and possibility of EV charging from street lighting points. There are plans in progress for this, some investment should happen this year. The issue is enforcement, we will make the parking team aware so any overstaying is minimised, this should start to free up some of the bays.</p> <p data-bbox="280 965 1094 999">Action 5.1 – AR to inform Parking re enforcement of EV bays.</p> <p data-bbox="280 1032 1262 1167">Mention of excessive amount of vehicles including private hire vehicles and London TFL vehicles on the road. More availability of charging points the better. MH provided update on hybrid vehicles, Rottingdean, North Street going well</p> <p data-bbox="280 1200 1294 1402">AR – looking to place new infrastructure as widely as possible. Suggestion of 100 points in one big block for taxis. Mention of petrol stations, commercial decisions to be made by franchises running those sites. Comments - More power needed to sustain it, otherwise it's a pointless exercise. Mention of a dedicated bay for fleets so a faster turnaround for taxis to charge up. AR happy to receive initial suggestions on locations.</p>
6	<p data-bbox="280 1435 464 1469"><u>Access Fund</u></p> <p data-bbox="280 1503 1254 1603">RD gave a presentation on the Access Fund for Sustainable Travel project which has successfully been awarded 3 years of funding from DfT, and will run from 2017 - 2020</p> <p data-bbox="280 1637 1286 1738">There is an emphasis in the objectives set by DfT to encourage cycling and walking, and the project team will also ensure that promoting public transport is also done in our discussions with residents and employees.</p> <p data-bbox="280 1771 1294 2040">Modal shift, how to evaluate? Not just from travel diaries as we get a low response rate so evaluation is based on other sources of data, such as traffic counts, travel surveys in schools and businesses etc.. Over the course of the next 3 years our monitoring team will be bringing together data from multiple sources to measure the success of the project in a Benefits Realisation Plan. We will also be bringing together case studies, where impacts on individuals who have changed their travel behaviour can be shared to demonstrate the value of the DfT investment.</p>

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	<p>Comment made re strategic aims, disappointed missed out on 'recreation' as it's important. Would like walking routes to be more user friendly, hesitate to use due to pollution. Mention of not just soft measures, promotion of Saltean Undercliff walk etc. RD confirmed that the Access fund is revenue money, and we will be looking at other forms of capital money e.g. LTP, s106, to make some of the infrastructure investments in the Access areas. AR – still work to do (mentioned cycling and walking infrastructure plan).</p>
7	<p><u>Valley Gardens Update</u></p> <p>GM/AR - Report going to ETS committee in October on the detailed design of Valley Gardens project.</p> <p>The presentation is a good opportunity for the Partnership to see where work has got to and to ask questions.</p> <p>A presentation was then given by Geoff Waller of the Project Centre:</p> <p>The aim of the project is to split the public transport corridor and the general traffic corridor.</p> <p>Officer update – section on wider project considerations, ie - network management and next steps. Construction duration will be 18-24 months. Technical design including procurement processes are expected to be from November 16 through to December 17. Hoping to start on site works in April/May 2018.</p> <p>Parking needed. Motorcycle in bus lanes along route raised. Construction phasing mentioned, GW to feedback comments to TB. GM - Any queries do get in touch.</p> <p>Action 7.1 - GW to feedback comments made to Tracy Beverley (VG Project Manager).</p> <p>Bridge the Gap (rail future) leaflet distributed by RB. Rail changes re Clapham junction effects, write to MP or RJ.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th September 2017, Conference Rm 2, Jubilee Library BN1 1GE</p>

ACTIONS:

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Action 7.1 - GW to feedback comments made from the VG Presentation to Tracy Beverley (VG Project Manager).