

Wealden Local Strategic Partnership

Notes of the Board Meeting on 16th May 2007 at Hailsham East Community Centre 15:00 – 17:00 pm

Present

Partners

Ian Chisnall	LSP Chair, Churches Together in Sussex
Cllr Pam Doodes	Wealden District Council
Cllr Chantal Wilson	Wealden District Council
Cllr David Whitehead	Wealden District Council
Neil Honnor	Wealden Commander, Sussex Police
Mark O'Brien	District Commander, East Sussex Fire and Rescue
Trevor Leggo	Wealden Association of Local Councils
Alison Horan	East Sussex County Council (for Cllr Tony Reid)
Ken Stevens	Federation of Small Businesses
Jeff Hart	Managing Director, Freedom Leisure
Martin Small	South Downs Joint Committee
Paul Smith	Environment Agency
Greg Falvey	Town & Country Housing Group
Teresa Gittins	Action in Rural Sussex (for Jeremy Leggett)
Karen Crozier	Community Network Steering Group

In attendance

Charlie Lant	Chief Executive, Wealden District Council
Debby Matthews	South Downs Council for Voluntary Services
Gill Cameron-Waller	LSP Policy & Admin, Wealden District Council
Caroline Adcock	LSP – LDF Liaison, Wealden District Council
Michelle Patmore	Community Liaison & Engagement Officer, Wealden District Council
John Proctor	Policy Trainee, Wealden District Council
Duncan Morrison	Planning Policy, Wealden District Council
Andrew Lainton	Planning Consultant for Wealden District Council

Apologies for absence

Cllr Tony Reid	East Sussex County Council
Kathy Fordham	National Farmers' Union
Peter Minshall	Highways Agency
Philip Ayers	East Sussex Rural Transport Partnership
Cllr Keith Whitehead	Wealden District Council

1. Welcome and introductions

1.1 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Parish Capacity - Building Event (Item 2.2): following the successful LDF Workshop day hosted by the LSP at Pilgrim Hall on 25th April, Wealden District Council's Planning Policy Team are holding an Issues and Options Preview event for Parish & Town Councils and LSP Partners. This will take place on the morning of Thursday 14th June at the East Sussex National Golf Course from 10 am – 12:30. All partners are cordially invited. Contact: michelle.patmore@wealden.gov.uk

Wealden Design Guide (item 2.3): update from Caroline – the draft text will be submitted to the WDC LDF Cabinet Sub-Committee on 7th June and Caroline will send a link to Partners to access the document on the WDC website if they wish. Any thoughts or comments to Caroline please caroline.adcock@wealden.gov.uk

Sustainable Community Strategy (Item 3.1) – work in partnership with the other local

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authorities in the County is ongoing.

1.2 Matters for AOB – Community Sport Network

The emerging district-level Community Sport Network has approached the LSP about linking up. This is a welcome development under the Leisure / Culture / Health themes and a short paper will be presented at the July meeting.

2. Local Development Framework

Duncan and Andrew facilitated a lively discussion focusing on three key aspects of development strategies for Wealden: the urban / rural split, development in the Sussex Coast sub-region and options in the 'Rest of Wealden'. The analysis of views plus the discussion notes will be circulated with these meeting notes.

2.1 Design Guide – see Matters arising

2.2 Employment Land Review

Caroline gave a brief update on this research report commissioned by WDC to inform the LDF process. The report is due very shortly, and is likely to make a significant contribution to the debate on development for employment.

3. Developing the LSP - Self-Assessment Tool

Partners were encouraged to multi-task by discussing each of the five topics for assessment

- Governance
- Vision & Strategy
- Leadership
- Performance Management
- Delivery & Impact

whilst at the same time completing the 'traffic light' indicators for the more detailed questions posed. The responses have been aggregated (overall result circulated with these notes) and submitted to Progress Through Partnership so that we are eligible to draw down £6000 for LSP Capacity-building under the Government's Partnership Improvement Programme.

Next meeting: Tuesday 10 July 2007 15:00 – 17:00

At Polegate Community Centre, 54, Windsor Way, Polegate BN26 6QF