

Fareham Environment and Transport Partnership minutes Meeting held on Wednesday 4 March 2009

Attendees	Organisation/representing
Brenda Clapperton	The Fareham Society
Heather Cusack	Environmental Health Manager, Fareham Borough Council
Caroline Dibden	Campaign to Protect Rural England
Jo Hamilton (notes)	LSP Coordinator
Dr Pauline Holmes (Chair)	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
Mike Maude-Roxby	Conservation, Fareham Borough Council
Colin Mitchell	Fareham Borough Council
Councillor Swanbrow	Fareham Borough Council
Andy Viccars	Head of Engineering and Transportation, Fareham Borough Council
Jim Weeks	Portsmouth Cycling Tourist Club District Association
Apologies	Organisation/representing
Mike Jeffery	Gosport Borough Council
Andy MacLean	Hampshire County Council
Mark Turner	First Bus
Chris Weston	Miller Homes

ACTION

1. Apologies and minutes from last meeting

Apologies were noted as above and the minutes of the meeting on 6 November 2008 were agreed.

2. Priority discussion – tackling the impact of climate change

Pauline informed members that this meeting would explore the climate change priority agreed by the partnership. She introduced Colin Mitchell who had been invited to attend today's meeting to share information on how Fareham Borough Council (FBC) is tackling climate change.

Colin gave a PowerPoint presentation and handed out copies of the slides. FBC will be employing a Sustainability Coordinator over the next few months. NI 188 (adapting to climate change) has five levels 0-4. FBC is currently at Level 0 and needs to be at Level 1 by end-March 2009 to comply with LAA targets.

NI 185 and NI186 relate to energy consumption in council buildings. FBC currently has a good rating for council homes. Carbon Trust will be training FBC managers and staff on how to take action – e.g. turning off PCs, lights etc.

The Council is also looking into fuel consumption by council vehicles – work has been done to modernise vehicle fleet and there is a Sustainable Travel Plan agreed for staff with further work being done on how to reduce business mileage – could result in more home working, video-conferencing etc.

FBC is also looking at sustainable procurement but there is a dilemma re cost – for example on the recent West St improvements, the granite came from China because it was cheaper than sourcing locally. Credentials were checked for human rights issues as opposed to environmental ones.

NI 186 looks at the reduction of CO2. Fareham's emissions per capita in 2005 were 7.2 tonnes which was in the middle out of other Hampshire districts. Gosport is the lowest and New Forest is the highest. There is going to be a workshop in Havant in April for FBC officers to look at NI 186 actions.

FBC has a Corporate Sustainability Group which meets every two months to look at these issues. The FETP and LSP as a whole should act as a catalyst for FBC putting together a Climate Change Strategy and should then monitor its implementation.

Colin was thanked for his presentation and the following actions were agreed:

- Prepare a report for the June LSP Board meeting requesting LSP organisations (particularly statutory agencies) to prepare a response as to what they are doing to tackle climate change. **CM/JH**
- Invite Sustainability Coordinator (when in post) to become a member of the FETP and provide regular updates from the Corporate Sustainability Group. **JH**
- FETP to review at next meeting FBC's current Environmental Sustainability Strategy Action Plan to see if anything additional should be included. **CM/All**
- FETP to monitor progression of FBC's Climate Change Strategy which will be developed when the Sustainability Coordinator is in post. **All**

3. **Final Sustainable Community Strategy Chapter (for agreement)**

The FETP reviewed the chapter and the following comments were made which Colin agreed to amend:

CM

- Page 1, para 4 – should read A32 corridor not just A32.
- Page 1, para 4, line 5 – should include public transport.
- Final page, first bullet point – delete 'provide bus lanes' as too specific and replace with 'improve and enhance public transport infrastructure'.
- Final page, under 'Maintaining and enhancing' – add a bullet point to say 'Ensure landscape assessment study is used'.
- Final page, under 'Maintaining and enhancing' – move bullet point on air quality to reducing traffic congestion section.
- Final page, under 'Maintaining and enhancing' – include 'monitoring' for Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Final page, under 'Maintaining and enhancing' – built environment not mentioned. An extra bullet point should be added to say 'ensure high quality of design and historic environment'. Also say something on energy efficiency. Colin to put together words.

4 **LDF workshop comments**

This item was for information only.

5 **PUSH update**

A brief verbal update was given. A decision on the BRT has been delayed until the end of March. The FETP discussed the importance of having cycling provision along the route and it was agreed that Pauline should write to TfSH to ask to see feasibility studies they have done for this.

PH/JH

7 **Update from networkfareham Board meeting**

The minutes from the December Board meeting were circulated for information with the agenda. The March meeting had just taken place the day before and Jo gave a brief verbal update to the FETP on a particular item of interest – the Hill Park project. The Board is conducting a research project on Hill Park as it is in the top 3% most deprived wards in the country in relation to education and skills. The LSP might commission some neighbourhood management type regeneration work in the area and the FETP might be asked to become involved should the project include any work regarding environmental issues or the built environment.

8 **AOB**

There was no AOB.

9 Dates of next meetings

Tuesday 5 May 10am – 12pm, Collingwood Room

Tuesday 4 August 10am – 12pm, Collingwood Room

Tuesday 3 November 10am – 12pm, Collingwood Room