

Peacehaven and Telscombe Regeneration Partnership

Transport Working Group

3rd December 2001 - 4.00pm at the Peacehaven House Project

Present: John Carden, Jean Couture, Barbara Powell, Jill and Ronald Fry, Marcus Dode, Donald Shier, and John Levett from Eastbourne and County Community Transport.

Apologies: None

Agenda:

Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed as accurate.

Matters arising:

Government Study of Transport Issues on the South Coast: Donald has requested copies of the information leaflets on stage one of the research and consultation forms for the public to have their say, from Lewes District Council. These had not arrived for the meeting but have since then. Please find copies enclosed with the minutes. Further copies are available at the House Project.

Taxi Rider Bus Service. John Levett informed the meeting that Eastbourne and County Community Transport had done some research with users of the Taxi Rider Service. This found that they were happy with the service but that they believed that it was not well known about generally. The service costs £42,000 per year.

Partnership Transport Study. Funding for this has been received from the Rural Transport Partnership Delegated Fund. The House Project will be managing the project and Donald will be doing the work. John Carden will contact the Leader newspaper to publicise this and ask for volunteers for the Focus Group to contact Donald. The first stage of the research should be completed by the end of January.

Funding for additional transport provision. The countryside agency is now offering to send out consultants to assess needs and possibilities for new transport services. This is to assist local groups to gain access to their Parish Transport Grants funding. £120,000 could be available over 3 years. This could pay for an additional Taxi Rider type bus service. This would need to involve Town Councils. It could be used to provide a service that extended through from Rottingdean to Newhaven.

Marcus Dode will invite a representative of Community Transport for the Lewes Area to the next meeting to tell the group about their services in this area.

Roads Pavements and Taxis. It was agreed that the condition of roads locally are causing concern to residents. Issues mentioned were speed humps, road surfaces. John Carden will ask the main partnership if these concerns can be included in the action plan. Donald will ask Robert Wilkins at the County Council to send someone to the next meeting to discuss roads and pavements.

Date of next meeting: 4th of February, 4pm at the Peacehaven House Project.