

Peacehaven and Telscombe Regeneration Partnership

Transport Working Group

8th April 2002 - 4.00pm at the Peacehaven House Project

Present: Sharon Briggs – Trafalgar and Collingwood Community Association (TRACCA), Jean Couture – local Resident, Barbara Powell – local resident, Jill and Ronald Fry – Peacehaven and Telscombe Access Group, and Donald Shier – House Project: Taking minutes.

Apologies: John Carden - Working Group Leader, Sheila Chalmers – Age Concern.

Agenda:

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

Matters arising from the last minutes: The Peacehaven Residents' Association will be holding a public meeting on the 26th of April. This will be about the recent traffic calming measures constructed on the roads around the new school. The meeting is at the Anzac room at the Meridian Centre at 7.30pm. Officials from the county council and local county councillors will be there.

Roads and Pavements: Ian McFadyen attended the last meeting on behalf of East Sussex County Council to talk to the group. He is the Highways Manager for an area from East Saltdean to beyond Peacehaven in the East. No one has listed any problems to do with the roads or pavements. Everyone will think about this for the next meeting so we can make a list of all the problems anyone can find. The highways people have promised to look into any complaints we make. Things like broken paving stones, pot holes in roads or people blocking pavements and verges. Donald will send everyone a map to mark any problems on.

The group also agreed that we should ask the highways department if they could provide the group with a copy of the map that shows which authority is responsible for which roads. This would help with people knowing who to contact about the different roads. Some are the county council's responsibility, some the District Council's and some are private landowner's. The group also thought it would be helpful if we could put our own white marks on places that need mending, like the highways engineers do.

Members of the group also feel that something should be done about people parking near to the traffic calming build-outs. This makes it hard to negotiate the single lane section.

Partnership Transport Study: Donald has completed a first draft of the transport study. He brought copies for the group members to look at and make comments on. There was some initial discussion at the meeting. Points raised included the following: It is not possible to use Brighton and Hove Buses saver tickets on Stagecoach 712 buses. Sometimes 14 buses that are supposed to go to Newhaven are diverted back to Brighton at the Meridian Centre, reducing the service to Newhaven. Donald will check again to see if smaller hopper style scheduled buses are not cheaper to run than full sized buses.

In the summer, between 5 and 6 pm lots of foreign students return from Brighton to their Host families along the coast road from Brighton. They fill up the buses to Peacehaven so that there is often no room for people who need to get home to this

area. Couldn't the bus companies run extra services to take the extra numbers? Also, many of the people using 14 buses are only going from the Steine to the Marina or other destinations in Brighton. Couldn't they be made to take a local bus so that people who need to get to Peacehaven can get on the 14s?

It is difficult to get to the Crumbles cinemas and shopping centre in Eastbourne. Bus drivers could be more helpful to passengers. What rules and guidelines are they given? Is it possible to get home from Denton Island in the evening after the adult education classes there? The 146 bus to Newhaven which has recently been cut used to be used as a meeting place by teenagers in the evenings. This is something that has now been lost. However the teenagers did put off some older passengers by being rude. Donald will include these issues in his final report.

Any Other Business: None

Date of next meeting: Monday 13th May, 4pm at the Peacehaven House Project.