

NOTES OF MEETING

<i>Meeting of / between:</i>	LEWES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP (LNPSG)																			
<i>Venue:</i>	Council Chamber, Town Hall																			
<i>Date:</i>	7:00pm Tuesday 11 th August 2015																			
<i>Attending:</i>	<p>Cllr S Murray Chair, Lewes Town Council Planning Committee Cllr R O’Keeffe Lewes Town Council Cllr S Catlin Lewes Town Council/Clevedown Residents Steve Brigden Town Clerk Emma Tingley Admin Support Neville Harrison S. Downs. Nat. Park (SDNPA) Committee Member Amy Tyler-Jones S. Downs Nat Park (SDNPA) Policy Officer-Neighbourhood Planning</p> <p><i>Community organization representatives:</i></p> <table> <tr> <td>Lewes Seniors Forum</td> <td>Richard Partridge</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lewes & Ouse Valley economics</td> <td>Dr C Tingle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lewes Phoenix Rising</td> <td>Jennifer Chibnall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cycle Lewes/Egrets Way</td> <td>Susan Thompson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transition Town Lewes</td> <td>Kirsten Firth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elizabeth Thomas</td> <td>Sussex Downs Society</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr Mike Turner</td> <td>Tourism Volunteer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rosie Eggar</td> <td>Lewes Town Partnership</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sarah Neels</td> <td>Nevill Residents Association</td> </tr> </table>		Lewes Seniors Forum	Richard Partridge	Lewes & Ouse Valley economics	Dr C Tingle	Lewes Phoenix Rising	Jennifer Chibnall	Cycle Lewes/Egrets Way	Susan Thompson	Transition Town Lewes	Kirsten Firth	Elizabeth Thomas	Sussex Downs Society	Dr Mike Turner	Tourism Volunteer	Rosie Eggar	Lewes Town Partnership	Sarah Neels	Nevill Residents Association
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1.	Cllr Susan Murray welcomed everyone to the meeting and applauded the work carried out to date by the Consultants.
2.	<p><u>Update</u></p> <p>The group then discussed the work that had been carried out at the Visioning Event and Design Forum. All the information that had been collected at these events was now available on the website www.lewes4all.uk together with a questionnaire that the LNPSG could use and send on to other contacts which would hopefully encourage people to complete and so allow the group to improve its evidence base. It was noted that the questionnaire had no heading for tourism. Certain events in the town had drawn in lots of visitors which Lewes thrives upon, and it was important to encourage tourism. It was suggested that the Lewes Bed and Breakfast group could be asked to have input on this area. It was proposed that the NP website, the questionnaire and the planned future events being organised by FERIA in October and November should be promoted in Viva Lewes and Lewes News. Cllr Catlin volunteered to contact Viva Lewes to find out deadlines and costs of a written article in the next issue.</p> <p>However, it was recognised there was need to encourage people to the October/November events not just by these means. Elizabeth Thomas would contact the Library to ask if a link could be put on their computers and Sarah Neales offered to create a WordPress Blog. A question arose over problems experienced downloading the files from the website, but this appeared to affect only one. Dr Colin Tingle offered to print questionnaires and deliver to businesses and shops in the town. Promotion could also be possible through other events and posters outside the town hall. It was suggested that a hard copy of the website report and a paper version questionnaire with photographs from the events on it to make it look more attractive be made available to the public and encourage them to complete it. These could be situated at the Town Hall and Library.</p> <p>It was also recognised the importance of contacting schools in the town and getting younger people involved in the NP. It was hoped that the Brighton University team running the Community21-Digital citizenship project would be able to attend future events.</p>

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3.	<p><u>Future events organised by FERIA:-</u> Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October Thursday 19th and Friday 20th November 2015</p> <p>These two events will be held at the Corn Exchange, Lewes Town Hall and will be an opportunity for local interest groups, local businesses, residents and the public to provide further contributions towards the drafting of the Lewes Neighbourhood Plan. There will be an exhibition of work and interactive task to help shape the next stages in the process. Both events will start on Thursday at 1.00pm and run through until 10.00pm followed by 9.30 until 1.00pm on Friday.</p>
4.	<p><u>Feedback from Topic Groups</u></p> <p>Sustainability – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Social, Community and Culture – A question had been raised about a new ‘Performance Space’ with 300 seats that could be used for many events. Cllr Catlin, New Sussex Opera and Clive Wilding and members from the Lewes Little Theatre were meant to have a meeting however the Lewes Little Theatre did not attend. It was agreed that there was no interest for a performance space. Perhaps there could be a consolidation of spaces that already exist rather than having a performance space that may be underused.</p> <p>Housing – Not a lot of progress in this topic however a lot of progress had been made in other fields.</p> <p>At the NP exhibition in August 2014 various sites were identified which have been the subject of debate. Where housing is put will be fundamental issue within the NP. Lewes Town Council would announce a call for owners of prospective housing sites to come forward.</p>
5.	<p><u>Call for sites</u></p> <p>There is a need to establish sites and undertake a formal call for sites through the press, website etc. This would be promoted before the October event. Old Malling Farm is in addition to the 220 Houses that the NP needs to find. It was suggested that a link be sent to members of the LNPSG of the Core Strategy Public Consultation which is online and would run until 2nd October 2015. It was proposed that members of the group who had an interest in Housing to have a sub-group meeting with Richard Partridge in September.</p>
6.	<p><u>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Assessment</u></p> <p>This was a procedural assessment that may be needed for the Lewes Neighbourhood Plan. It is significant in that it is about checking whether the LNP is likely to have any environmental impacts. The LNP would have to request a formal screening opinion, which is given by the National Park as the Planning Authority. A form would be completed and the LNP is now at the stage where it has emerging themes and consultation evidence gathered, so this process could now be started. The screening opinion would state whether or not the NP would need to do a further SEA.</p>
7.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The date of the next meeting for the group will be Thursday 24th September at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Meeting ended 8:30pm</i></p>