

	<p>get more involved in real time. The forum would explore sites that could offer the opportunity to be built on, and the design qualities that local people are looking for. At the end of the forum it was hoped that a framework could be in place describing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > What makes Lewes special? > What sites really do have potential and how do they link with what Lewes has now? > What conditions need to be put in place on these sites? <p>This was a key point in the process for the NP to move forward and make progress.</p> <p>Mr Eastham then explained tasks 1-5 of Feria's proposal for the preparation of the NP:</p> <p>Task 1 – The inception meeting to meet members of the NPSG. (the present meeting)</p> <p>Task 2 – Site visits which had taken place on 29th January and would continue on 30th January.</p> <p>Task 3 – Preparation of consultation material to be used to begin the process.</p> <p>Task 4 – Visioning event – to introduce Feria to the community and to allow groups in Lewes to meet each other and share their ideas. To invite stakeholders to the three day Design Forum. There would need to be a four or five week gap between tasks 4 and 5.</p> <p>Task 5 – Design Forum – A three day forum working with the community using feed-back from the NP open day on 16th August 2014 which would be incorporated into the forum. The event would be by invitation to a range of participants, including developers, flood groups, the Environment Agency and others. The NP Topic groups (Tourism, Transport, Housing, Sustainability, Social/Community/Cultural and Design/Built Environment) would need to funnel their work into the same project. The consultant would work with topic groups on this. It was hoped that this event would be held in April or May. At the end of the Design Forum there should be a rough plan that sets out what Lewes could look like in 20 years and sites should be identified which are fairly well-tested. This will provide the LNPSG prospective “policy themes” for the NP which would be tested with the public and then a draft plan would be created</p>
4.	<p>NEXT STEPS/PROJECT TIMETABLE:</p> <p>With regard to the draft timetable, which aimed to integrate LNPSG progress with the evolution of the SDNPA's Local Plan (expected to be made in 2017), it was hoped that a Pre-submission draft of a Lewes NP would be ready by the early Autumn 2015 for a six week consultation. Comments from the consultation would then be used to revise the Plan.</p> <p>Mr Eastham and his team would meet individual members of the group for informal talks regarding various matters of interest in the town (<i>e.g.</i> post offices, local shops etc.) in the Council Chamber at 9.30am the following day (Friday 30th January) and would then be given a full tour of the Town by the Town Clerk, by car. This would put their earlier discoveries into context and help to establish the setting of the town in its immediate environment; relative distances; locations of important features, and give a feel for the experience of those entering by car, bus or rail or walking across the Downs. Members of the NP group suggested several sites that the Feria Team should visit.</p>
5.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</p> <p>TC reported that the Council had purchased several domain names with permutations of the chosen “Lewes for All” brand, and asked for any preferences to be indicated for the primary format to use when a website was constructed. The most favoured among the Group was “Lewes4all.uk”.</p>
6.	<p>A provisional date for the next meeting of the group was agreed as Thursday 5th March 2015. The Chairman then thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution and closed the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Meeting ended 9:10pm</i></p>