

## Hastings & St Leonards

### Issues:

- Cross-cutting issues are the most challenging e.g. equalities.
- Resources are an issue – especially time limitations
- Is geography a theme?
- Difficult to get information from partnerships as there are only 4 meetings per year
- County issues – information is not being reported locally
- People want things to happen at a local level and see tangible outcome that affect them directly.
- Sometimes find information overlap at meetings
- Often results are brought to LSP Board, not issues
- Would like to see more regular reporting
- Local impact is sometimes limited when looking at county issues
- Partnerships need to respond to needs and changes – such as the economic down turn
- Partnerships need to be appropriate to the local area
- Hastings need structures that suit the partnerships and local area – one size doesn't fit all.
- Climate change needs to be addressed by the LSP
- Would be useful for thematic partnerships to link together more and share good practice, information etc.
- Many other groups exist which are not classed as thematic partnerships, they should be linked into the LSP structures rather than creating new groups
- Each thematic partnership works differently – there needs to be an understanding across the LSP how these operate.
- Smaller partnerships don't seem to reach the LSP

### Opportunities:

- LSP Board – presentations are successful
- The thematic partnership should focus on the details and report this to the LSP board
- Its positive Hastings only has 5 partnerships – more would be too unwieldy
- Existing partnership can pick up gaps
- Area Management Boards – need to feed in to the partnership
- Explore virtual partnerships to be more efficient

### Actions:

- Possibly appoint thematic champions
- Make sure thematic partnerships are working with each other to ensure influence
- Outcome of recent LSP away day needs to be taken forward
- Try to ensure more involvement from East Sussex Strategic Partnership
- Develop a communication map including who has accountability

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- Become flexible to changes e.g. economic downturn
- Celebrate and recognise what's going on and share information
- Take a pragmatic approach and recognise difficulties – e.g. its difficult to coordinate meetings etc
- LSP should talk itself up more and its raise profile
- Issues need to be engaging and relevant to local residents