

Meeting Notes

Thursday 17 October 2013

Gold Room, Winter Gardens,
Eastbourne

IN ATTENDANCE

ESSP Members present:

Ian Chisnall	Churches Together in Sussex
Gill Cameron-Waller (on behalf of Cllr Bob Standley and Charles Lant)	Wealden District Council
Mary D'Arcy	Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust
Cllr Keith Glazier (Vice Chair)	East Sussex County Council
Kim Goodall	Department of Work & Pensions
Steve Hare	SpeakUp Representative
David Kemp	East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
Steve Manwaring	SpeakUp Representative
Cllr Carl Maynard	Rother District Council
Superintendent Di Roskilly	Sussex Police
Ashley Scarff	High Weald Lewes Havens CCG
Keith Stevens (Chair)	Sussex Associations of Local Councils
Michael Turner (on behalf of Chris Wick) (Speaker)	Environment Agency

Also in attendance (official observers):

Andy Arnold (Speaker)	East Sussex County Council
Roger Blake (Speaker)	Rail Future
Indea Cadman-Rivers	East Sussex County Council
Sarah Feather	East Sussex County Council
Ian Fitzpatrick (on behalf of Rob Cotrill)	Eastbourne Borough Council
Andrew Rowlands	East Sussex County Council
Jon Wheeler (Speaker)	East Sussex County Council

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Rob Blackman	Lewes District Council
Cllr Jeremy Birch	Hastings Borough Council
Katy Bourne	Police and Crime Commissioner
Rob Cottrill	Eastbourne Borough Council
Cllr Chris Dowling	East Sussex County Council
Pennie Ford	NHS England
Ron Francis	Job Centre Plus
John Hodges	Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce
Neil Honor	Sussex Police
Charles Lant	Wealden District Council
Becky Shaw	East Sussex County Council
Cllr Bob Standley	Wealden District Council
Cllr David Tutt	Eastbourne Borough Council
Gary Walsh	East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
Chris Wick	Environment Agency

NOTES

1) Welcome and Apologies

Keith Stevens welcomed ESSP members, observers, guests and speakers. Apologies were given and those attending on behalf of others were identified.

2) Notes of the meeting held on 18 July 2013 and Matters Arising

Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and actions confirmed as completed. Keith Stevens asked ESSP members that Steve Mainwaring's request to extend an invite to Kevin Richmond the Chief Executive of Sussex Community Foundation to give a presentation about building philanthropic giving in East Sussex to a future meeting was actioned.

Action: Sarah Feather to contact Kevin Richmond to attend a future meeting.

3) Environment Strategy update (requested)

Michael Turner gave a presentation on the reduction of CO₂ across the County. Michael offered tools that will support partners in reducing emissions. Steve Hare raised a question about the effectiveness of the initiatives available to reduce fuel poverty. Andy Arnold said that there are a variety of schemes and initial investment available to help reduce fuel poverty. Utilising the community and energy saving partnerships which work on Government initiatives and grant opportunities for businesses to combat the initial overheads and become more efficient.

Michael asked that an Environment Strategy Update could be given at the April ESSP meeting. All agreed to endorse the policies.

Action: Sarah Feather to add an Environment Strategy Update to the April 2014 meeting.

4) Local Transport Plan Update

Jon Wheeler introduced the report on progress of the local transport plan and actions for the next year. Jon spoke about the progress of the Bexhill to Hastings Link Road as well as the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and the projects will be delivered between now and March 2015. Ian Chisnall asked about improvements for cyclists now that previous funding has all been allocated and if the Council will still consider improvements without the specific Government funding. Jon reiterated that the Local Sustainable Transport Fund has to consider the cycling and walking infrastructure and so would not be disregarded in future plans.

Roger Blake updated the ESSP on the work of Rail Future and requested endorsement from the ESSP for Network Rail's investment plans for 2014-19, their Strategic Business Plan. ESSP gave its endorsement to Rail Future's work.

5) Forward Plan

Keith Stevens highlighted the forward plan and asked for any further items to be added. Keith thought it would be useful at future meetings for a number of ESSP members to provide an update on their organisations, particularly given there were a number of new members. All agreed this would be useful.

Mary D'Arcy asked to provide an update on the changes within the Surrey and Sussex Probation Services and this was agreed.

Action: Sarah Feather to include Mary D’Arcy in the January ESSP agenda.

6) Information items

Update papers were circulated for information about the following items:

Priority updates:

a) Family Keyword

The paper highlighted the good early progress of the troubled families’ programme, with 448 families met and 110 of those families able to claim payments from the Government’s scheme.

There have been two visits to the team in East Sussex, one from Louise Casey Director General of the Troubled Families programme. Louise spent time outlining the plans for the new Troubled Families programme to be launched in April 2015.

b) SPACES

SPACES Board have agreed a vision and targets have been set against a ten year programme that will result in a saving of between £10 and £12 million and a 20% reduction in CO₂ emissions.

Partners satisfaction with the work will be measured at 6 monthly intervals, four projects are currently underway with more in discussion.

Keith Stevens requested that the SPACES Board provide a verbal update at the January 2014 meeting.

Action: Sarah Feather to contact Simone Cuthbert, (SPACES Programme Manager) and make request for her to attend and provide an update at the January meeting.

7) Future meetings:

Keith Stevens asked everyone to note the meetings for next year and the first meeting to take place at County Hall Lewes. He asked if any members could offer a venue for a meeting in the future.

- Tuesday 21 January 2014, Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes
- Tuesday 29 April 2014 (venue tbc)
- Thursday 17 July 2014 (venue tbc)
- Thursday 23 October 2014 (venue tbc)

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS –	
Item	Action
2	Sarah Feather to contact Kevin Richmond and invite to attend a future ESSP meeting.
3	Sarah Feather to add an update to the Environment Strategy to the April 2014 meeting.
5	Sarah Feather to include Mary D’Arcy Surrey & Sussex Probation Services update in the January ESSP agenda.
6	Sarah Feather to invite Simone Cuthbert to attend the January ESSP meeting.
7	ESSP members to contact Sarah Feather if they are able to offer a venue for a future meeting.