

Laurence O'Connor updated the meeting on behalf the A259 Action Group and their presentation to the Transport Scrutiny Panel at LDC on Monday 15th January discussing the Economic, Air Quality and Social Impact of the congestion on the A259 from Newhaven to Rottingdean. The Big Petition achieved approx 17,000 signatures.

Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP gave an introduction and overview of the A259 update. In response to the presentations of Futures 1,2 and 3, he informed that Lewes Town had planned a reform of their shopping area over 30 years ago, and the Town Centre in the level area is still taking shape now. The Group needed to look at a longer pattern of change and the demographic could be profiled through research, the larger the change and need for infrastructure the more housing would be needed for increased population.

Thea Petts (TP) (Neighbourhood Planning Officer Lewes District Council and Eastbourne Borough Council) – introduced herself and updated the group on her role and where the Steering Group should be at this time.

COMMENTS

- Concerns raised about Future 3 as presented in Consultant letter November 2017 as it did not take enough notice of greenspaces and unhappy at concentrating all retail within a narrower stretch along A259.
- The re-work of the Meridian crucial as it is the largest site and is stuck in the 1970's
- Agreed the SG looks at the Futures again and alter them to a bespoke version for our area.

MARKETING

- The Group agreed PTC proposal to design a new web page which would be linked to the PTC and TTC websites.
- Peacehaven E-news will incorporate up to 500 words monthly to inform residents of the updates for SG and proposed dates of First Conversation.
- Leaflets should go out to 8000 homes in Peacehaven and Telscombe, along with the Peacehaven and Deans Directories.

- First Conversation Event to be staffed by Group Members possible dates for Peacehaven (Meridian Centre) Town Manager to liaise with Telscombe and East Saltdean as all Communities included.
- These 'Drop Ins' will be endorsed as evidence and data collection for the NP. 9 Members offered to support. Will be advertised on website, social media and by leaflet.

Activities completed so far include:

- Meeting the Neighbourhood Planning Officer
- Creating the Steering Group
- identifying how the Community will be involved
- Drafting the Work Programme (Futures 1, 2 and 3).

The Town Manager provided a draft list of responses to Core Strategy 2. The NP must comply with LDC strategic policies.