

Peacehaven and Telscombe Regeneration Partnership

Transport Working Group

5th November 2001 - 4.00pm at the Peacehaven House Project

Present: John Carden, Jean Couture, Barbara Powell, Jill and Ronald Fry, Marcus Dode, Donald Shier and John Levett from Eastbourne and County Community Transport.

Apologies: Val Mant

Agenda:

Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed as accurate, with several small changes needed: Kim **Lanning** not Laning as in the minutes. Community transport organisations are not necessarily charities. Brighton Community Transport is really Brighton and Hove Community Transport.

Matters arising:

Additional Community Run Bus Services: John Levett from Eastbourne and County Community Transport attended the group again. There was some discussion with him to clarify points from the last meeting.

East Sussex County Council supports the taxi Rider bus service his organisation runs in this area financially.

Only members of a special scheme can use this bus. Membership is open to all CountyCard holders, people with disabilities, elderly people and families with school age children.

They must operate in this way because of the law that controls bus services. John told us that the law is not very clear on this subject. He believes that they could allow anyone to join their membership so long as they were members of, for example, a Peacehaven and Telscombe community transport association, which we could set up. Another example of where this is done is in Hastings. There, the community transport dial a bus scheme is open to everyone who holds a council passport to leisure card.

Any not for profit organisation or club can hire the bus for a trip.

Survey of transport needs in Peacehaven and Telscombe and funding: Donald presented his proposal for a survey of transport needs to the group. This is for a two-stage research project which would cost £3,000 in total. Grants will be needed to pay for this. Donald will apply to Marcus Dode's delegated fund for £1,000 for stage one. Marcus advised that we should apply to the Parish Transport Fund for the cost of stage 2. The partnership could then make plans for additional community transport provision and then apply to the Rural Transport Partnership for money to set these up and run them. Grants are available of up to £250,000.

Government Survey of South Coast Transport. Donald to obtain leaflets and questionnaires for this.

Any Other Business. Agreed that this group, and the survey, should be concerned with issues such as the condition of roads and cycle paths.

Donald will contact Bill Killick to see if our survey can tie in with their consultation on the Taxi Rider scheme.

Date of next meeting: 3rd of December, 4pm at the Peacehaven House Project.