

MINUTES: Initial Topic Group Meeting – Transport April 23 2013

Present

Rita Lait	t.rlait@btinternet.com	St Ives (background work on neighbourhood plan)
Roger Tonkinson	tonkinson@btinternet.com	St Ives (Retired architect, transport studies in UK and worldwide)
Rex Henry	r.henry@architectureand.com	St Ives (St Ives Trust)
Derek Milton	cranford4@sky.com	St Ives (ex-councillor, town and county)
Tony Beavan	anthonycharlesbeavan@gmail.com	St Ives (interest in Royal Square and branch line)
Alan Clegg	alanclegg@btinternet.com	Lelant (worked in public transport)
Paul Douglass	pauldouglass@rocketmail.com	Lelant
Geoff Williamson	geoffa.williamson@gmail.com	Lelant
Matt Hayter	matthayter@talktalk.net	St Ives (PASTI)
Lucie Bray	luciebray@mac.com	St Ives (PASTI)
Morag Robertson	morag@blue-earth.co.uk	St Ives (PASTI)

Appointments

The following people will form a Core Transport Group to drive the process forward:

Morag Robertson	Chair
Alan Clegg	Vice Chair
Derek Milton	Secretary
Rita Lait	
Roger Tonkinson	
Rex Henry	
Tony Beavan	
Paul Douglass	
Geoff Williamson	
Matt Hayter	

Inclusivity

The Core Group contains representatives from St Ives, Lelant. Concern was expressed about representation for Carbis Bay and Halsetown. ***The Core Group will consider this issue going forward.***

The suggestion was made that the three people who signed up for the over-arching Inclusivity group meet as planned on May 13 and discuss how they can work with the topic groups on this important issue. Anyone else interested in joining the group is welcome to attend.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Transport Group will be held in Halsetown at 7pm on a Tuesday in approximately four weeks time. ***Morag Roberston will organise and advise on the venue and date.***

It was emphasised that all Transport Group meetings will be open meetings. Also, the Core Group is not restricted, others can join at any time.

A suggested standard reporting format was welcomed by the group. ***Lucy Hackett will look into this.*** The Terms of Reference will be looked at for the group at one of the early meetings, ***and suggestions/comments sent to Lucy Hackett.*** Once the Steering Group is formed in late May, these will be passed on to them.

Lucy Hackett can assist with publicity if required, e.g. through the wider neighbourhood plan mailing list.

The Steering Group will be agreeing a budget with St Ives Town Council for the overall process. In the interim, St Ives Town Council can assist with small budgetary needs, e.g. meeting venue hire. Contact Lucy Hackett or Louise Dowe to discuss.

Issues

The meeting moved on to some of the key transport issues for the St Ives area;

- Rita Lait explained some of her initial research into transport in the NPPF, Cornwall Local Plan, saved Penwith policies and other local initiatives.
- It was noted that many past transport initiatives have failed to get off the ground. There have been many changes in the past two decades, e.g. with the rise in internet sales and deliveries. How is the situation now different and how can it be tackled differently?
- Many different interest groups are involved: car owning residents; day visitors; week/fortnight holiday makers; tradesmen and businesses; disabled drivers; public transport users. It was suggested that two broad strategies be looked at:
 1. To cover 'seasonal users', i.e. when the town is earning money
 2. To cover residents' needs
- It was suggested that the group identify a 'common attitude', a broad-based policy in principle, then look at different user groups within that. Such a policy should
 - Be self-financing (at what level?)
 - Be based on SMART objectives
 - Tackle congestion in the town centre as a priority
 - Provide a 'safer place for people'
- School traffic is a key concern and likely to increase with the increased use of school facilities as a community resource and new developments/new schools. Walking buses have been successful elsewhere as one alternative.
- A congestion charge was suggested, with installed traffic cameras.
- What is the latest situation with St Erth Park and Ride? **Alan Clegg will investigate.** Winchester Park and Ride was mentioned, as an example where there is one payment per car, which may encourage more people to use it.
- Key challenges = managing holiday traffic
 - = encouraging people out of cars and providing alternatives
 - = working with the RHA
 - = Island car park

A Neighbourhood Plan training workshop will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 15 May 2013 at the St Ives Guildhall. This will provide training in the main steps of building a neighbourhood plan and could assist Topic Groups in planning their next steps. Topic Group Chairs and Vice Chairs are required to attend, but everyone involved in a Topic Group is also encouraged to attend. **Please let Lucy Hackett know at the email address below.**

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- Core Transport Group will consider the issue of inclusivity for Carbis Bay and Halsetown;
- Lucy Hackett will continue to raise the question of the need for an over-arching Inclusivity Group at upcoming Topic Group;
- The Chair will identify and circulate the venue and date for the next meeting to all those present at this meeting; Lucy Hackett can circulate to the whole mailing list;
- Lucy Hackett will look into a standard reporting format for Topic Groups;
- TOR to be considered and comments sent to Lucy Hackett;
- Alan Clegg to look into St Erth Park and Ride;
- All to email Lucy Hackett advising of attendance at the workshop on May 15.

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