

## HEBDEN BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP

### Minutes of General meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at Hebden Bridge Town Hall

#### 1. PRESENT:

Stephen Curry (chair for the meeting)	
Andrew Bibby (Company Secretary)	
Cllr Janet Battye (minutes)	Calderdale MBC
Katie Kinsella (CMBC Tourism Officer for item on Tour de France)	
Anna Harris	Schumacher North
Diana Monahan	HB Local History Society
Myra James	Sustainable Transport
Lesley McKay	Sustainable Transport/IEM
Anthony Rae	Friends of the Earth
John Ludlam	Flood Action Group
Sue Mellis	Made in the Valley
Mike Smith	
David Fletcher	
Dr Michael Troke	HBCA

#### 2. APOLOGIES:

Bob Deacon (chair)	
Nick Shields	Visitor Economy Strategy gp
Cllr Jonathan Timbers	Hebden Royd Town Council
Cllr John Dunford	Heptonstall Parish Council
Charlie Carr and Kim	Calder Holmes Park
Gerard Liston	Hope Baptist
Emma Green	Hebden Royd Town Council
Nina Smith	Sustainable Transport group
Polly Webber	Alternative Technology Centre

*A card was passed around for members of the Partnership to sign wishing Bob a speedy recovery to good health*

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Cllr Janet Battye declared an interest as a member of the Shadow Combined Authority

**4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Agreed as accurate and no matters arising

**5. TOUR de FRANCE:** KK gave an update on developments with the arrangements for the logistics of the event. In particular, she talked about the **Spectator hub** which is now being planned for Calder Holmes park with the intention of taking spectators off the roadside where it is anticipated that there are likely to be particular congestion. This is

being planned with the Round Table because of their experience in using the park for public events. It will be free, and will provide a big screen, toilets and refreshments.

Peter Vardy is the Council Officer who leads on arrangements for events.

Questions asked included: the use of the station carpark (likely not to be available for the public); Residents parking (for Keighley Rd: now being organised and they will receive information about 3 weeks beforehand); concern at lack of parking in Todmorden (Centre Vale Park being considered); workers access to their places of work (roads will be closed from 6.30am onwards so they need to stay overnight or get there very early); secure bike park (likely to be at Riverside school); and the importance of clear, detailed information about parking and public transport.

Website is [visitcalderdale](http://visitcalderdale)

6. **CAMPAIGN TO END PLASTIC WASTE:** AH introduced this: Trash! Film will be shown locally shortly and this will make people aware of the problem but it's important to follow this up by getting people together and work out how to tackle it. For example: should Hebden Bridge aim to be a zero-waste town ? AH has already approached local schools: eg Riverside and Calder High about the possibility of this being a project for them. The concerns are about the damaging effect and impact of plastic packaging. There have been previous effective campaigns eg the bag ladies, introducing linen bags, and encouraging local shops to stop using plastic bags. This has had some lasting effect: a number of local shops are still only using paper bags (if any).  
It was proposed that the most helpful way of the Partnership assisting with this could be through the new Business Forum
7. **Promotional leaflet:** It was noted that the new leaflet has now been published and is available online. Thanks were expressed to Bob Deacon for all his work on this initiative, and to Nick Shields, Anthony Rae, and the designer Jonny of Kreative Bomb for their contributions.
8. **Progress on Vision 2020 priorities:**
  - a) **Station:** Discussions continuing with Calderdale about developing an integrated transport hub;
  - b) **Shared space:** Calderdale have responded negatively to this proposal because of the expense but there could be cheaper options worth pursuing;
  - c) **Affordable housing:** AB made a brief report on the proposed Community Land Trust
  - d) **Calder Holmes park:** A report was emailed: essentially developments are slow but a number of activities are being planned this year (including Fair for Youth, and the Tour de France)
  - e) **Visitor Economy Strategy group:** A meeting was planned for the next day. Future funding options for leaflets were discussed. Stephen Curry suggested seeking advertising support, and David Fletcher proposed a tourism levy;

**f) Market development:** JB reported that plans are in hand for putting the infrastructure in place (ie electricity supply; smaller stalls) to be able to have more street markets;

**g) Valley Rd:** no report available

**h) Neighbourhood Plan:** Noted that a meeting was due to take place the next week. All Parish Councils except Wadsworth have agreed to participate.

**9. Other issues:**

- **Flood Action group:** John Ludlam reported on developments: the community flood plan is being finalised and the EA/CMBC would be holding a drop-in meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>. More volunteers would be welcome. Anthony Rae commented on the fact that vegetation control was likely to be better than dredging. Agreed to discuss this at the next HBP Management Board;
- **Conservation area infringements:** including replacing setts by tar. Agreed to discuss this at the next Management Board;
- **Banner site in HB:** Andrew Bibby to write to the Town Council
- **Bridge mill anniversary:** David Fletcher reported that there will be a 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, probably on Sept 6<sup>th</sup>.

**10. Partnership matters:** It was noted that Cllr Kate Drury (Wadsworth PC) is replacing Cllr Dorothy Sutcliffe (Blackshaw PC) as the representative of Parish Councils. It was agreed that Andrew Bibby would write to Dorothy expressing the Partnership's thanks for her major contribution and support for its work.

**Next meeting:**

**(Management Board): Tues 6 May, 7.30pm**

**(General Meeting): Mon 7 July, 7pm**