

Minutes of the DSWNP project management group meeting 27 July 2016.

Present: Phil Smith, Edwina Rowling, Mike Burr, Julie Middleton, Rob Mills, Tony Gedge

Apologies: Tony Corrigan, Dan Ashe, Don McBeth, Sallie Collard-Watson, Trevor Kirby, Richard Flack, Tom Dufty

1. **Declarations of interest:** Mike Burr declared an interest in the possible housing site at 3 Common Lane, i.e. he knows the owner and is a friend of nearby residents.
2. **Policy presentation:** Phil Smith led a discussion on how to group policies that supported similar policies.

It was agreed that the main areas were: tourism, economy, transport, environment/conservation. It was agreed to try relate any relevant policies to each area diagrammatically. Phil to summarise in a new paragraph for the introduction to the plan, each focus group leader to identify which policies in their area influenced each issue.

3. **Plan revision:** Mike Burr's revision of the draft plan in the light of comments received was approved.
4. **Rural gap:** It was agreed that Julie Middleton would check the Hassocks Neighbourhood plan for its policy on the gap between the villages, and also Lewes JCS on rural gap policies. She will also confirm the boundary for the gap.
5. **Green space designation:** it was agreed to include the Jubilee pathway; Streat common land (Tony Gedge to write supporting paragraph and supply map); Church corner, Westmeston (Rob Mills to write supporting paragraph and supply map); West Wood to be included after consultation with Wivelsfield PC which has asked that we include it – it is in Westmeston but it plays an important role in Wivelsfield.

There was a discussion on Ditchling recreation ground's inclusion as a designated site and the possible limitations on development for leisure facilities. Phil Smith and Julie Middleton agreed to come up with a form of wording to satisfy both concerns.

Streat and Plumpton College development: Edwina undertook to ask Dan Ashe if there was a planning instrument that could be used to protect Streat from encroachment.

6. **Timetable and consultation:** Mike circulated a timetable for completion of the plan and the next round of consultation. He would now revise this. The summer newsletter would go out during August and the second consultation on housing and green spaces as soon as possible, i.e. as soon as landowners provided the necessary information.
7. **Date of next meeting:** 7 September 2016.