



**Coventry Partnership Transport Theme Group
Strategic Review
Wed 25th March 10:00-12:30
Committee Room 3 Council house**

Present:

Mike Barnes	Acting Chair
Andrew Page	Centro
Nigel Wain	Coventry Partnership
Nigel Mills	Coventry City Council
Martin Trewinnard	Coventry City Council
Neil Ross	CENTRO
Andy Littlewood	Coventry City Council
Graham Hine	University of Warwick
Bernard Delaney	West Midlands Travel
Christine Eade	Routeforward Project Manager
Lesley Kelly	Voluntary Sector
Duncan Ashlee	Ring and Ride
Karen King	Community Transport
Neil Byrne	Older Peoples Partnership
Dawn Ford	Coventry Partnership
Alison Porter	Physical Sensory Impairment Partnership

Apologies:

Cllr J McNicholas	Chair
Des Rogers	Ring and Ride
Kathryn Bell	Coventry City Council
Esther Higden	NHS Coventry
Phil Brannon	Community Transport
Cllr Andrew Williams	Councillor
Cllr Gary Ridley	Councillor
Stephen Docherty	C&W Chamber of Commerce
Dilip Chauhan	Coventry City Council
Tony Lunt	C&W Partnership Trust
Peter Maggs	Ring & Ride
Pat Marlow	CEN
Keith Waller	UHCW
Trevor Errington	Coventry City Council

1. Welcome&Apologies

Mike Barnes welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

Apologies were noted as above.

2. Introduction and Objectives of the Review

Mike commented that the review would enable the group to reflect on what the Transport Theme group had achieved and what the priorities for the group should be. The last review had been 3 years ago and Coventry was now no longer eligible for Neighbourhood Renewal Funding so the group needed to re-think how it would support the delivery of the Sustainable Community Plan. The output from the review would be an action plan which would form the basis for the future work of the group.

3. Review of Group's Achievements

Nigel Mills presented a review of the achievements of the Transport Theme group .See attached slides.

4. Group Discussion

What have we done well?

- Joint commissioning of the Mott McDonald feasibility study into Demand Responsive Transport which lead to Route Forward project
- The group promoted excellent Networking amongst transport stakeholders in Coventry and the University in particular reported they had gained benefits from working with a wider network of partners and had been able to access different funding streams.
- Independent travel has been mainstreamed by Community Services, Learning Disabilities and Children and Young People Partnership- albeit on a smaller scale than originally envisaged.
- The Routeforward project has received national recognition especially for its work on travel training.
- The perception of the Bus services in Coventry as measured by the Household Survey has improved.
- The pilot with the PCT to transport patients to clinics has lead to the service being mainstreamed, (although not with the Council who ran the initial pilot)
- Work with the Employment Theme group on accessibility planning and travel training as an aid to employment.
- Developed 35 travel havens on the city.

Where/How could we have done better?

- The group could have provided more strategic support for the mainstreaming of projects.
- Improved contact with the Partnership Board to promote initiatives to the wider partnership.
- More engagement with the strategic planning issues – the core planning document for the LDF consultation is on going at the moment.
- The group should have prepared a calendar of upcoming events which the theme group needs to engage with.
- PCT engagement had fallen off since Tony Lunt left, although Esther had now joined the group from the PCT.

5. Theme Group Role in Coventry Partnership

Dawn reminded the group of the long term outcomes and short term priorities of the group and the generic role of Theme groups in the Coventry Partnership. See attached slides.

6. Group Discussion

How Can the group add value to the delivery of the of the Transport Theme of the SCS

- Transport plans relating to major development projects in Coventry and the sub region should be commented on by the Theme group.
- A forward program of upcoming strategies and dates when they can be considered by the group should be produced. Centro's 20 year strategy could come to the next meeting.:-
 - The City Centre transport plan needs to be reviewed
 - Walking and cycling strategy
 - Input to annual Local Transport Plans
- The group needs to continue championing key project such as Routeforward
- All Travel planning (work and education) should be considered by the group and its enforcement. Impacts on Congestion impact , green issues and health and well being)
- Improve links to PCT
- Continue with focus on community of interest groups via Transport Forum
- Road maintenance – issues for cyclists needs to be considered
- Consider splitting the agenda to separate strategic and local issues
- Need to consider how community and voluntary groups are represented and given opportunities to be heard
- Consider the use of task and finish groups
- Need to keep aware of new legislation and the impact it will have.
- Need to review evidence and data related to transport performance
- Need to consider LAA indicator plans
- Improve communications with the use of the partnership communications group

Membership of the Group

- Consider inviting the following

Freight Transport Association

PCT

Warwickshire

Rep from the C&YPSP

Strengthen representation from CEN

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference were reviewed and the following changes agreed:-

- Add an issue date
- Add reference to the Sustainable Community Strategy
- Points 2 and 3 from the specific purpose should be merged
- Make reference to communications role.
- The group will meet bi-monthly
- Membership section to reflect the above additions.

7. Next Steps

Mike thanked everyone for their enthusiastic contribution to the review. The next step would be for the output of this morning to be included in a draft action plan which would be reviewed at future Theme group meetings.

8. Future meeting dates:

13th May 10-12 Committee Room 3 council house
22nd July 10-12 TBA
23rd Sept 10-12 TBA
25th Nov 10-12 TBA

Nigel Wain
April 09