

Clifton Montpellier and Powis Community Alliance
Community Meeting
Tuesday 14th September 2010
Minutes

1. The New Brighton Transport Plan

Andrew Renault gave a presentation on the development of the new Brighton and Hove Transport plan. He explained that this had still not been completed and therefore he could only outline the general principles which governed its development.

The key goals for sustainable transport had been established as:

- Economic growth;
- Low carbon emissions;
- Equality of opportunity;
- Contribute to safety, security and health;
- Improve the quality of life, work and leisure;
- Improve access to a healthy environment.

Andrew Renault then pointed out that, apart from services for residents, the transport plan needed to take into account the needs of the eight million visitors who came to Brighton each year.

Andrew Renault then demonstrated the complexity created by the requirement that the plan needed to be coordinated with a whole range of other City plans and strategies. However, there were three overall government objectives which must be met, the system of transport must be sustainable, accessible and safe. There followed a short case study of how the plan would deal with the development of the new football stadium at Falmer. This generated a lively set of questions and comments from the floor.

Other issues raised from the floor included:

- Integration between bus and rail services;
- Park and ride facilities;
- Cycle lanes;
- Access to the hospital.

3. Minutes form the community Meeting held on 15th May

The minutes were approved

3. Report from Management Committee

The Chair reported on the following issues raised in the management committee.

The summer festival was held between 2nd and 18th July with the churches of St Michael and All Angels and St Nicholas providing venues. The festival was a great success and Philippa Sankey was thanked for organising it.

Street surveys are planned to encourage small 'focus groups' of residents to discuss what improvements to the street environment might be made. Results would be shared with other residents, published on the web site and presented to councillors and council officials with a request for action.

The new web site: members were encouraged to send in contributions.

Autumn meeting:

Caroline Lucas MP would not be able to come to the meeting scheduled for November 16th, but it was hoped that a new date could be arranged.

4. CMPCA involvement in planning matters

The Chair reported that the Management Committee had agreed the following new guidelines for the times when it would be appropriate for the Alliance to make representations to the Council on planning matters:

The CMPCA will normally only submit comments on planning applications if:

A large number of residents will be affected by the work proposed and the CMPCA has been asked by affected residents to play a supportive role.

and

The general view of affected residents is known.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm and refreshments were served.