

BBEST Coordinating Group.

Coordinating Group meeting, 28 October 2014

Minutes

Present		Action
	<p>BBEST Pete Marsh PM (in the Chair) Anne Daw ATD(Vice Chair) Chris Topliss CT (Treasurer) Ally Buckle AB(Union of Students) David Chapman Bernard Donnelly Jess Edwards Tom Harrison (Union of Students) Lorraine Moshiri Emily Pieters Peter Skalski Matthew Wargent (MW) Brian Webster Alan Wellings Kath O'Donovan KO (Secretary)</p> <p>University Julie Bird Keith Lilley Pat McGrath Chris Garlick Rob Sykes Amy Jones</p>	
Apologies		
	Gill Valentine GV Laure Astill LA Jayne Brayley JB Howard Fry HF And one BBEST member	
Development session and AGM report back and action		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The AGM held on 11th October 2014 was very successful.• 5 tables linked to the 5 themes were laid out with relevant pictures, maps etc to encourage discussion.• The Architecture students gave an introductory presentation on their work on the Design Guide, presenting views of alternative layouts in the retail centre as examples.• Several potential new members attended the meeting	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local views and experience were presented in the table discussions. • The Architecture students present noted the discussion at each table and views will be passed on to the working groups which already have leaders: the Green Spaces Group has no leader as yet. • Discussions with students at the meeting showed that they are aware of problems around the route from the Residences via Broomhill to the University. • University representatives noted that the Campus Masterplan concentrates on public realm investment. The focus of the first two phases of the campus plan is outside the BBEST area, but the themes of 'cycling, walking and road safety' and 'greening the campus' are very relevant to the BBEST area. There could possibly be a third phase to the Masterplan work which looked specifically at BBEST as a key neighbour for the University. • In response to a query about the theme 'Promoting balanced communities' the Vice Chair replied that this theme looks at the benefits of a balanced community in terms of for example age groups, and housing affordability. The underlying rationale is to make sure that the BBEST area remains attractive to all those who live and work in it, young or old, student or resident, shopkeeper or business. Discussion of this item centred on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers of large houses with low occupancy • Rented housing – much is focussed on students so that it is not available for others wishing to rent to let signs being up too early and left too long relationships with landlords, and landlord maintenance policies quality of rooms and accommodation in private rented housing (for example too many people, and the use of basement areas) • University representatives noted their interest in this area. • A student representative noted that some local groups can act so that students feel excluded. PM noted that this was emphatically not the case with BBEST, hence, for example, the continuing strong partnership with the Students Union which had been established right at the start of the work. 	
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Census data – Demographic changes in Broomhill 1991-2011
Presentation by Matthew Wargent

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW had analysed the ward data for Broomhill through the 1991, 2001 and 2011 censuses. • MW noted that: the BBEST area is not co-terminous with Broomhill, ward boundaries are changed to equalise population so that data across time is not always comparable. • Population density in Broomhill is amongst the highest in Sheffield, along with Central, Walkley and Nether Edge. • Broomhill has 2.9 people per household which is the highest in Sheffield. • Discussion centred on: • Concern about students in unsuitable housing, particularly where houses have large numbers of students, such large groups could benefit private landlords but could raise social problems for students themselves, and often unsuitable rooms had been pressed into use despite being, for example, in basements. • Of 1500 electors in Harcourt Road, 1200 are students. • It would be useful to look at patterns of use of, for example, back ginnels to reach the University – this sort of analysis should be done. • Example given of recognition by UoS of pedestrian route through Dam House carpark by replacing a fence with steps. • Noted that Datashine (datashine.org.uk) has detailed analysis of census and other data. • The relationship with private landlords is important. The University has been building relationships with landlords for some years. They are not a homogenous group. There is a willingness to consider a whole range of landlord issues, some of which will be directly part of the planning process but a few might also be useful for students and other residents even though not directly part of planning. • A set of space standards should be explored. 	
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Campus Master Plan

	<p>The University Head of Estates noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University is currently collating responses to the Plan • The final version will then be discussed with the City Council • Expenditure in the current plan is concentrated outside the BBEST area, particularly on developments to enhance the public realm and to 	
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	<p>introduce green space into the campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road changes will need to ensure that car, bus, cycle and pedestrian movements are examined, and of course there is an economic gain to removing or reducing congestion and inefficiencies for any of these groups. The University retains its commitment to its green travel plan. The new multi-storey carpark is part of this plan. <p>Points were raised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The university approach from the Village via Broomhill could be seen as part of the Gold Route. Enhancements would support the University's green travel plan. • Possibility of a public pedestrian and cycle route through the Endcliffe site, which could also be considered in making a clearer link through to Endcliffe Park for students and for local people generally. Safety of pedestrians and cyclists on the site would need to be considered. • BBEST would welcome early consultation on the new University buildings – the Social Science building and the Sports building. Planning applications are likely to be presented to the Council within twelve months. It was suggested that it would greatly enhance the process if discussions at an early outline stage were begun between the University and BBEST. 	
Ways of working		
	<p>Discussion centred on links between BBEST and the University.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM noted that BBEST is moving into a new phase. In 2015 the locus for action will shift away from the Coordinating Group (CG - formerly Steering Group) to the Working Groups. CG will meet quarterly in 2015, with Working Group development meetings and information meetings scheduled for the other months. Public consultation will continue with BBEST representation at existing events such as the Broomhill Festival. • Building a consensus will be important, as there are a variety of perspectives, particularly in relation to the retail district. • In 2016 the work of the groups will be consolidated and the draft of the Plan prepared. The plan will be presented to voters in late 2016 or early 2017. • Other stakeholders in the Plan are the hospitals and schools. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBEST and UoS will consider further how best we can work together. • Existing groups are: • Active Travel – leader: PM • Green and open spaces – leader: K O'D (temporary acting lead) • Central Retail District – Leaders: Chris Topliss, Bernard Donnelly • Sustainable and Balanced Communities – Anne Daw • Architecture and Conservation – leader: Emily Pieters 	
Next meeting		
	The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 th January 2015, Council Chamber Octagon Centre.	