

Meeting	BICESTER VISION EXEC BOARD MEETING
Present	Debbie Pickford, Adrian Shooter, John Hoad, Chris Cousins, Rachel Faulkner, Bob Langton, Norman Bolster, Ben Jackson, Miranda Markham
Apologies	Mary Harpley, John Liggins, Sue Mackrell, Lawrie Stratford
Date of meeting	Wednesday 28 th July 2010
Venue	Littlebury Hotel
Circulation	All partners
Date of next meeting.	Full Partnership Meeting – 21st September

<p>The minutes of the last Full Partnership meeting were discussed as there had been requests for amendments from CC and MM regarding traffic surveys.</p> <p>MM said that Bicester Village had undertaken survey work in the past and would be happy to share that info. They may also do further surveys in the future.</p> <p>JH said that extensive traffic surveys have been undertaken for the LDF. RF said that JL had asked whether any work had been done to ascertain destinations from the A41/Esso Roundabout as this would be helpful before looking at solutions.</p> <p>JH and CC confirmed that this work had not been done and there were no current plans to do that.</p> <p>CC to send all traffic survey info to RF for circulation to partners.</p> <p>MM also asked that the dates of the Jazz Festival were included – 7th and 8th August – bands playing in the town centre, Garth Park and Bicester Village throughout the weekend.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>CC</p>
<p>Chairman’s Report</p> <p>New Partners BL confirmed that EP Barrus is now a Bicester Vision partner and will be attending the September meeting. They will also be hosting the December meeting.</p> <p>Chiltern Railways BL confirmed that he has sent a letter of support from Bicester Vision for Chiltern Railways plans and that he would be appearing for them at the public enquiry in November.</p> <p>Local Economic Partnerships BL explained the government’s plans for LEPs. OCC has put a bid together for an Oxfordshire LEP. There is a great deal of uncertainty about how these partnerships will operate and what size they should be. BL said that the paper from the Leader of OCC about LEPs referenced the success of Bicester Vision and Science Vale UK. Final draft of OCC LEP to be circulated to all board members for input and direct comment to OCC. Chief Executive of OEP will be leaving at the end of October and 3 members of the team will be seconded back into OCC. There are some existing projects being worked on and they are a solvent</p>	<p>BL</p> <p>BL/RF</p>

<p>organisation. CDC may support the Oxon LEP bid but also have some other considerations and partnering opportunities which are being explored</p>	
<p>Manager's Report</p> <p>Young Enterprise RF explained that BCC would be taking part in YE this year hopefully with two teams. Clarke Howes Accountants and Integration Technology have both agreed to provide business mentors to the school and support their teams. Vision offering some small amount of funding to Young Enterprise</p> <p>Young People's Listing Circulated to partners for additional information – please let RF know asap if you are aware of an organisation or club that is not on the list. We hope to finalise by mid August to have printed by September for start of new term.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Action Group As litter has come up as the biggest issue for most Bicester residents in the recent neighbourhood survey, the NAG is now working on a plan for a Big Bicester Blitz. We will be working with all NAG partners – CDC, BTC, TVP, Probation, Bicester Village, Residents Associations, Vision, Housing Associations, Schools to organise an event in the autumn to address resident's concerns. We are working closely with the CDC Environmental team to dovetail with any planned activity on their part.</p> <p>Green Bicester Action Group This facebook group has been set up by a community member with a view to holding an informal meeting in September to see if members of the community would like to form a Community Action Group. DP expressed some concern about the involvement of town councillors. She reminded RF that if the group wanted a council representative then they should approach the Chief Officer formally to request that. RF said that this would not be her decision and would be down to the community group itself. She did express concern that a council member was already on the facebook group and DP said that would be in his personal capacity not as a councillor. RF assured DP that she would advise any community group that is set up following this meeting about the correct procedure</p> <p>Bicester Links Project The wall is now completed and the finger posters will be installed in the autumn. The map and leaflets are being designed. MM agreed that there is a problem with litter particularly across Pingle Field.</p>	<p>All partners</p> <p>RF</p>
<p>Town Centre NB updated the board that a start date has now been set of 16th August. The media and local traders have been informed about the plans and timing. CDC full council have agreed a blanket compulsory purchase order for the site and to assist, if required on the remaining bits of land that have not yet been agreed. The council and developers hope that it will not be necessary to use the CPO but if that were to be the case there would be a public inquiry.</p>	<p>JL/BL/RF</p>

<p>RF said that the communications with Sainsburys have been excellent through their PR company GKA. We have been kept informed about progress</p>	
<p>Market Square As partners are aware there have been some vociferous objections to the preferred option for the redevelopment of the Market Square by some of the local traders. A petition has been launched and has gathered some momentum. BL said that he and RF had met with LS to discuss. RF had said that she thought it was important that traders were listened to and given a chance to express their concerns. LS is talking to officers at OCC about producing further information for those who are objecting. BJ said that there is a perception that the consultation exercise was not done as well as previously. He expressed concern about the evening economy as the car park in the square is so well used at that time. DP agreed that the lack of parking would be problematic. NB and JH said that the two way parking had become possible because of changes in highway regulations and the fact that the traffic island is to be removed. CC said that although the county funds are ringfenced for Bicester transport improvements they could be used for another project if that was considered more beneficial. CDC is still committed to their investment in the project. There is no intention to start the work until after the town centre redevelopment is completed. CC confirmed that no final decisions about funding would be made until the council meeting in September. BJ said that it would make sense to review if circumstances change. BJ agreed to talk to traders in the square about what improvements they would like to see in the area. RF to follow up with LS about what OCC plan to do next.</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>BJ</p> <p>RF/LS</p>
<p>Evergreen 3 – Chiltern Railways AS reported that the project has two parts: the improvement in the London to Birmingham line and the duelling of the line to Oxford. By December the journey time between Bicester and Birmingham would be reduced. There will be considerable disruption to the train service particularly at weekends and plans were in place for Bicester Village visitors to travel to Aylesbury Parkway station and then be bussed to the village. By May there will be a substantial reduction in journey time from Bicester to London. MM reported that the new car park at Bicester Town is now open with 400 spaces for commuters during the week and village customers at the weekend. 1000 customers visited Bicester Village using the train to Bicester North this Sunday alone.</p>	
<p>North West Bicester JH reported that the formal Strategic Delivery Board included representatives from Bicester Vision, CDC, OCC and others. It is anticipated that the first phase – demonstrator project would be completed in around 2.5 years. He drew partners attention to the Vision for Bicester document which is intended to set out the aspirations for how Bicester as a whole will</p>	

<p>benefit from the eco extension. The £9.7m funding received from central government is secure and a small amount of it has been allocated for the Travel Behaviour Project and Retrofitting of existing homes in the town. The funds for building the Cooper School 6th Form to zero carbon standards are secure as are funds for Bryan House and the Catholic Church community hall. JH said that the remaining money was retained as an infrastructure fund and careful decisions would be required on effective use.</p> <p>Possible alliance with South Northants Council JH updated partners on the conversations regarding the above. This would mean one Chief Executive and a shared senior management team (cutting the number of Strategic Directs and Heads of Service), across both councils.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business DP asked about RF's comments to the Mayor about the aspiration for a stadium as stated in the Vision for Bicester document. DP said it was important that we aimed for this kind of multi purpose facility even if it just meant that land was put aside for this purpose in the future. RF expressed concern that the media and public might misinterpret the aspiration and it become a focus point which may well not be delivered leading to further dissatisfaction.</p>	
<p>Date of next Full Partnership Meeting The next meeting is a Full Partnership Meeting to be held on Tuesday 21st September – venue to be confirmed. The meeting would be focussed on Eco Bicester and allow partners to debate the Vision for Bicester. P3Eco and CDC Project Team to attend. We hope this will be a useful opportunity for feedback from partners about how they feel Bicester can develop as an Eco Town. The Project team are very keen to consult with business and community leaders on these subjects.</p>	