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MAIN FORUM MEETING MINUTES
6.30PM- 8.30PM , THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2016

Attendess (as set out on the signed attendance sheet): Harry Seecombe, Martha Covell, Andrew Wiseman, Catherine Bartlett, Adam Covell, Alan Mercel-Sanca, Denise Wootten, Peter Ruscoe, Marag, Nicola Stone, Charlotte Wood, Daniel Villegre, Andrew Spong, Laura Woodward, Paul Stubbington, Tony O'Grady, Sophie Leon, Rachel Allen, Frank Holloway, Lydia Livingston, Gary Sheborne, Adam Playfair, Paul Smart, Richard Barnbrook, Peter Holloway, Clare McCarty, TomMckinney, Lynne McCarty, Filippo Barca, Pamela Ruthvan, Andy Jones, Bridget O'Conner, Barras Stone, Rachel Thomas-Leo, Pushka Dalewood, Adrian Fry, Ola Wiebe, Soo Chapman, Harry Hodges.

1. Feedback from our on-line survey on our Vision, Aims and Objectives (Harry Seccombe).

The survey is now closed. The findings are included in the report attached to these minutes and summarised as follows:

- 246 responses;
- 86% agreed with the vision;
- AIM 2: Need to rebalance housing stock with a presumption in favour of family housing- 84.7% agreed with this aim; 80% want more housing; 82.8% don't want any more bedsits.
- AIM 4: Improve parks, open spaces and design out crime- 235 people agreed with this aim, only 35% feel safe walking to and from home at night; 73% avoid certain areas at night.
- AIM 5: Enhance the High Streets in Boscombe and Pokesdown- 91.8% of people agreed with this aim; People would like more diversity on the High Street with more independent shops and even a gym; there should be less betting shops, 76.9% value the vintage and antiques shops.

2. Review and presentation of existing planning policies affecting the Forum area (Martha Covell, ECA)

- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
  - A presumption in favour of sustainable development
  - More housing being planned for
  - A need to support the economy
  - Protection for heritage assets
  - Protection for the environment, including SSSI, nature conservation;

- Bournemouth Local Plan Core Strategy most relevant policies:

- ‘urban intensification’ is allowed within 400m of Christchurch Road
- A1 retail premises are protected in the core and secondary frontages
- The loss of hotels is generally resisted
- New HMO’s are only permitted where no more than 10% of dwellings in the area are also HMO’s
- Parts of the Clifftop are a designated:
  - Site of Nature Conservation
  - Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Open spaces are protected
- Design policies seek to conserve and enhance the townscape

3. **Brief review of our character areas (Catherine Bartlett, ECA)**
   - ECA identified 7 predominant characters within the NP boundary and has undertaken an analysis of each of these areas. The analysis can be downloaded from the web site and comments can also be made here.
   - We have found:
     - Conservation areas are small and fragmented
     - Vehicular movement between the north and south of the area is restricted
     - Parks and open spaces are mainly in the south which is lower density residential
     - Community uses are distributed throughout the area
     - Urban intensification in the north of the area but there are little or no open spaces here

4. **Introduction of our discussion groups and the need for area champions (Paul Smart)**
   - Area champions are invited based on the sub-groups. Please get in touch with Paul- smart2coach@gmail.com
   - People to make themselves known to Paul Smart who will co-ordinate this.
   - A ‘job description’ of the area champions is attached and on the web site.

5. **Small discussion groups on the character areas: Seven tables were set up and each group discussed the character area analysis:**
   - What are the strengths of your area?
   - What are the weaknesses of your area?
   - What is the potential impact of the planning policies on your area?
   - What are the opportunities for change?
   - Can you think of any planning policies that would benefit your area?
   - If you could change 1 thing what would it be?

   Notes from the discussion groups are attached to these minutes. At the time of writing, notes from Area 7 are still pending.

6. Next steps
    - Character area plans to be published on the web site
    - Further consultation comments will be invited o the 'Opportunities for change' in the sub-areas. With an on-line survey (to be prepared);

7. Date of Next meeting:

6.30pm, Wednesday 7th December, Shelley Theatre, 16 Beechwood Avenue, Boscombe BH3 1LX

Attachments- notes from groups; job description of area champion and secretary; draft character area assessments; Survey results