MINUTES NEIGHBOURHHOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING

 THURSDAY 14 th DECEMBER 2017

 Telscombe Civic Centre 6.30 PM

**Attendees**

Pat and Christine Bowman, Cllr Ann Harrison, Cathy Gallagher, Nancy Astley, Viv Carrick,

 Sue Griffiths, Peter Seed, David Williams

Jon Dowty, Consultants O’Neill Homer.

Joining later in meeting , Neil Watts, Cllr Dave Neave

1. **Apologies taken**
2. **Chair’s update ,introductions and Welcome**

 Chair set out the need to time the meeting so that we got through the agenda and achieve the outcomes needed to progress to the next stage. The Chair’s role is to keep the timings and discussion focussed, meeting to deal with policies for Neighbourhood Plan achievement.

We need to conform with Lewes District Council Core Strategy 1 and have regard to the emerging Plan 2 which is consulting now and will come into force in the next 2 years. Saved Plans are going forward to emerging plan 2.

Update and discussion about Hoddern Farm, St Aubyns Rottingdean planning applications at either end of A259 Peacehaven to Rottingdean.

Update on ‘ A259 ‘ Big Petition’ Action Group “ . 3 local councils plus 2 MP’s and Council Officers to meet to plan short term and long term future of A259. Date to be agreed

We need to look beyond the road and plan for the land and community as per our groups.

1. **Minutes 16th November 2017 Discussed and agreed**
2. **Discussion of Revised vision statement November 2017 lead by Jon Dowty**

**Future 1 “ Stitching in New Homes”**

Jon called this “Business as usual” carry on as we are

**Future 2 “ Redefining the Meridian and Consolidating the “High Street”**

Departure to something different , evidence would be required (15 year time scale)

**Future 3 “A new Centre for a New Town “**

A more radical plan ( 30 year time plan.

Jon recommended we keep plan simple as possible as we need to take the community with us.

So Groups stick to **3**

1. **Business and Retail**
2. **Community and Well Being**
3. **Environment and Design**

Jon accepted in our case we required a **4th Buildings**

 Jon said goodbye and we thanked him for making the journey from Bournemouth.

1. **Task Groups Breakout.**

First time for us to talk in our groups and then we reconvened together,

In brief feedback around the room, Future 1 seemed to be ruled out, all agreed Meridian site crucial more info needed and at next meeting we should look in more detail.

Future 2 or 3 preferable but we needed to meet again to formalise our thoughts and come to a Group decision.

1. Meeting closed with next scheduled for 18th January 2018