



Notes of the South East Regional Group Meeting

Held on: 19 June 2014

At: Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone

Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p>Welcome, apologies and notes of previous meeting</p> <p>Bob Spicer (BS Chair) welcomed everyone to Shepway The minutes of the previous meeting (6 February 2014) were approved and signed off. It was pointed out that no copy has appeared on the BPA website.</p>	
2.	<p>BPA and parking profession updates – given by Jo Audley-Charles and Mike Bibby</p> <p>Updates were given by Jo Audley-Charles: CCTV/Bailiff Regs/TSRGD Consultation/MP Education/Annual Masterplan/Parking Mad/Membership/Parking on Private Lane/Events/Parkmark Competition Updates were given by Mike Bibby: Gatwick Airport/AOs Audits/Parkmark For full information on any of the above please refer to the BPA website.</p>	
3.	<p>Review of ‘Parking Mad’ – what did you think?</p> <p>Comments were invited and a group discussion was held.</p> <p>Alan Wood spoke about Whyte and Co.’s contribution to the programme and a discussion ensued on the outcome. Most felt that their contribution was a good thing and that it helped to dispel myth and gave a relatively balanced view. Some agreed that they would take part in future but would wish for tight editing control.</p>	
4/5	<p>The Next Parking Master Plan</p> <p>A paper was presented to the group with a list of 9 questions which directly related to the headings in the Parking Masterplan. A group discussion ensued with views given concerning the wording of the questions especially where the word ‘right’ appeared. It was felt that this work could be misinterpreted and should be changed. In Q4 a request was made to change ‘High Street’ to ‘in our communities’ and an opinion was given that Q9 should be treated with more priority and should appear further up the list. For a full list of questions please refer to the BPA website.</p>	

6.	<p>A presentation was given by Sharon Simpson of WAMITAB – BPA Parking Qualifications</p> <p>A copy of the presentation is available on the BPA website.</p> <p>Thanks were extended to Sharon Simpson for giving the presentation.</p>	
7.	<p>A Group Discussion was led by Jo Audley-Charles – The Value of Membership</p> <p>The question raised was whether this referred to Personal or Organizational Membership as the reasons for being a member differ.</p> <p>Reasons voiced were: Sharing of best practice/Networking and building relationships/Access to DVLA data/discussions/knowledge/best practice/development/industry voice</p> <p>It was felt that the information provided by the BPA is useful but that the website is clumsy and difficult to navigate.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB and Next Meeting Date</p> <p>The next meeting is to be held on 16 October 2014 at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East St. Sittingbourne. ME10 3HT</p>	

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