

Statement – Bexhill Town Centre Steering Group – 8th March 2017

Members of the steering group received an update from East Sussex County Council on the Bexhill Cycle Network, Traffic Management and the Movement and Access Studies.

The Cycle network is well progressed with many of the routes at preliminary design phase.

Projects within these studies will be included within ESCC's business case to draw from the £12million Local Growth Funding available across Bexhill and Hastings.

The replacement trees within the town centre will now be included in the ESCC programme of works this spring, this will see a replacement tree outside the Co-Op, and a new tree outside the Vodaphone store and outside Natwest, all on Devonshire Road.

Each of the four project teams updated on activity and progress against the actions within the Bexhill Town Centre Strategy:

Branding and Vitality:

- The Jobs and Apprenticeship fair was a great success
- The Sussex Exhibition at Two Temple Place in London is receiving positive press and received a visit from the Duchess of Cornwall.
- Bexhill events meeting held in February will become an established group

Built Environment, Traffic Management and Public Realm:

- Members discussed the issues on London Road and agreed that as the main gateway into the Town Centre it should be considered a priority area for further attention.

Investment and Development:

- Western Road Covered Market – Council officers had put in an offer to purchase the property which is currently being considered
- Driftwood boutique Guest House and restaurant opened on Sackville Road

Housing

- Work has started on the Housing needs and stock condition survey and responses are being received

S106 Funds

- Request for £4,000 funding towards a Bexhill Modern Vintage Campaign approved by members. The campaign will include a rail campaign and some promotional print and will start to promote the emerging modern vintage style of creative, independent and stylist venues in the town.

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