

Thursday October 11th 2007 Devereux Room, Green Dragon 7.30pm

The Devereux Room hadn't been prepared, though it was opened up promptly enough on request. After 1.5 hours there was a knock on the door to ask if we wanted to pay for another hour, and Michael wasn't allowed to leave at the end until he paid in cash! We will try and get the venue sorted better for next meeting

Present: Mike Sullivan, David Plowman, Janet Shott, Gillian Bate, John Fancourt, Becky Roseff, Chris Shott, Nick Jones, Paul, Roger Lind

Apologies: Gerald Dawe who was at the FGW Customer meeting, see below.

Agenda:

1. Lottery Bid; Awarded £8,130 for information posters
2. Gary Draisey of Interfleet Technology contacted us regarding opening Leominster-Kington line as a Heritage/Freight/Transport link
3. Bike thieving at Hereford Station
4. RNIB planning application for housing for Olympic Bid
5. Michael S's report on Shrewsbury Rail Meeting
6. David Plowman report on Rail Future meeting and Go-Via, the new franchisee
7. Membership
8. Oct 31st sustainable towns for Hereford conference.
9. FGW Customer Meeting. Notes attached.

1. Dec 3rd is first date free for poster at Hereford. Four changes we thought we would begin with things in Hereford (pubs, cafes, how to get there), Spring – gardens (e.g. Hergest, Hampton Court, How Caple) and Hay Festival by bus, Summer – places to go by train. The Leominster in conjunction (hopefully) with Leominster Station Group, and Colwall posters, to carry info on local cafes, pubs and buses.

2. Group to make contact with Lesley and Bob Hunt of Titley Station and Celia Kibblewhite, to organise meeting in future. Gary to be invited to speak to us.

3. Rob Hattersley in discussion with Town Council to put bike sheds at front of station, where there is CCTV. Arriva not as yet responded.

4. We to write (again) to Blind College to ask them to join our campaign for better signing from station and twin tracking of line, from Olympic funding due to town for para Olympics.

5. Knowledgeable people at meeting, but no agenda. New London train, there will be five a day, lots of other information.

6. David had some positive things to report about the new franchise Go-Via. They aim to keep and improve on the Central Service. The contact was Leila Frances, Mobilisation Director, West Midlands. It begins Nov 11th. Some services are increasing e.g. Snow Hill – Stratford on Avon (about time). Class 172s, smaller, lighter and faster trains are being introduced on some lines. There maybe a bike issue. Becky will write, regarding latter.

7. Janet reported seven new members from last meeting.

8. No-one wanted to go to Sust Town meeting, Becky may go, she suggested Gary Draisey to organisers as a speaker. Re-instating rail line would make a sustainable housing corridor.

NEXT MEETING: Nov 8th 2007; 7.30-8.30 p.m. Devereux Room Green Dragon.

Jim Davies, Public Transport Officer, for presentation and discussion. Please come