

Meeting to Discuss Re-opening of Bighton Line 7pm on Thursday 4th November at Treeton Community Centre

Attendance: Robin Carter (Chair, Treeton Partnership), Steve Ruffle (Waverley Community Connects), Tom Brookes (Catcliffe Partnership), Nic Marshall (Treeton Partnership), Susan Broadhead (Treeton Partnership)

1. Railway Re-Opening Toolkit

Steve and Tom gave a quick summary of the Countryside Agency's 'Rail Re-Opening Toolkit' conference in Leeds. The toolkit is a very useful booklet which this group could use. There is a clear process by which this task needs to be approached.

2. The Bighton Line/The Old Road

There was a broad discussion about the status of this line at present and the stations on it. Any consideration of re-opening this line needs to take into account the possibility of re-opening the Waverley station on the Lincoln line.

There was some consideration on whether the Midland Mainline station (because of its grade 1 listed status) can take more railway traffic. Is there a possibility of re-opening the Victoria Station by the Wicker? It was suggested that we need someone to stand on the bridge at Treeton and produce a record of the trains that do go past.

3. Community Contacts

Steve agreed to try and make contact with community groups/partnerships along the line to see what their view is on re-opening the line with a view to organising a meeting in the new year. Groups to be contacted in the following places:

*Bighton and Sothall
Woodhouse and Woodhouse Mill
Killamarsh
Eckington and Renishaw
Staveley
Masbrough
Burngreave*