



FOREST
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP
Delivering a thriving economy

FEP Stakeholder Group Summary notes 16 April 2018

Welcome and meeting opening

Opened by Andrew Callard, introduced the FEP Mission, Vision & Aims

Mission:

“To deliver a thriving economy in the Forest of Dean by connecting businesses, councils, people, ideas and resources.”

Vision:

“In 2050 the Forest of Dean is an attractive, vibrant and dynamic destination to live, work and do business.”

Aims

- Connect across & to all sides of the Forest
- Collaborate, with give and take
- Compete for resources and economically
- Commit to an agreed plan and to the parts we can each play in creating that plan
- Control our own destiny as the Forest within other’s plans by acting now

Update on the work so far

- Severn Summit Attendance to connect
- Engaging with businesses to collaborate
- Tourism and digital comms data
- Creation of 4 sub-groups to focus planning
- Glos2050 attendance and input to others’ plans
- Branding, Twitter: **@FEP2050 #FOD2050**

Sub-groups/Workshop Sessions

Subgroups introduced

- Education & skills
- Transport & infrastructure
- Digital connectivity
- Severn bridge/cross border

Sub-groups will meet separately outside of quarterly meetings and report back to their timetable with proposed actions.

Workshop sessions took place, groups identifying and defining problems or issues in relation to the themes of the four proposed working groups.

Commitment

Andrew asked members for their commitment moving forward:

- Confirm which sub-group you want to be part of, (or not)
- Consider what you might commit to support FEP
- Consider how you can inform others for awareness or to take part

