HASTINGS TRUST – CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER TRANSPORT: EAST SUSSEX

For the best part of 11 years, Campaign for Better Transport (CBT) – East Sussex, campaigned with office support from the Trust.

CBT E Sussex has worked as a pressure group within East Sussex with the aims of:

Securing high quality alternatives to the car – walking, cycling, bus and rail – and in general, re-balancing transport towards sustainable modes;

Amplifying the benefits to the economy, environment, public health, and more efficient use of land – a precious commodity – that sustainable transport would deliver.

In connection with the above, the Hastings Trust hosted meetings for Government Office for the South East; East Sussex County Council, Hastings Borough Council; University College London; University of Brighton; Hastings Greenway Executive.

The Trust also supported environmental Non- Government Organisations (NGOs) by facilitating their statutory role as steering group members in two major government transport studies for Hastings (Access to Hastings Multi-Modal Study) and the wider south coast (South Coast Multi-Modal Study).

As well as this, CBT E Sussex also worked with Hastings Borough and East Sussex County Councils on pedestrianisation schemes (Robertson Street) and the improved pedestrian environment between Hastings town centre and Old Town; and the Kings Road improvement.

The steady stream of planners, architects, campaigners and artists through the door also gave rise to collaborations and a grand sharing of and cross pollination of ideas. Quite an exciting working environment and right in the town centre – the complete antithesis of the Sussex Exchange, out on the edge of town with no public transport links at all.

As a crucible for developing new models and ways of doing, the Trust, its staff and guests will be missed – if it goes. Thanks for everything.

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