

Eastbourne Area Bus User Group

A Forum for bus users across Eastbourne and South Wealden

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Eastbourne Area Bus User Group will provide a voice for bus users and aim to secure improved and increased bus services for access to the workplace, schools and colleges, health and leisure facilities.

It will represent a catchment area including Eastbourne, Hailsham and other towns and villages in the surrounding area*.

To secure its aims it will

- Invite constructive feedback and new ideas from users
- Inform decision-makers in local councils, bus and rail companies
- Enable consultation on future plans.
- Promote bus use, cycling and walking

The Bus User Group will meet three times a year and consult its members with online surveys to support its work. Results will be fed back to local bus and rail companies, East Sussex County Council, and to borough, district and local councils.

Meetings will focus on such matters as

- How well workers, learners, shoppers and visitors are served
- Effectiveness of bus routes
- How well bus companies keep users up to date with accessible information
- The provision and upkeep of bus shelters, bus priority measures and footpaths
- Connections with trains, pedestrians and cyclists
- Maintaining dialogue with bus companies
- Promote the introduction of low or zero carbon buses
- Pricing

The group will be user and supporter led and not aligned to any bus company or political party or trade union.

Membership will be invited from a wide variety of residents and organisations, including

- Bus companies serving the area
- School and college students and staff
- Transport planners from East Sussex CC
- Transport managers from Brighton and Sussex universities
- Local councillors or nominees from Eastbourne and other towns and villages in the area
- Local Chambers of Commerce
- Various pressure groups and societies with an interest in transport provision
- Hoteliers

{* **Eastbourne and South Wealden** is assumed to include, but is not exclusive to: Alciston, Alfriston, Arlington, Berwick, Chiddingfold, East Dean, Eastbourne, Friston, Hailsham, Hankham, Heathfield, Hellingly, Herstmonceux, Hove, Pevensey, Polegate, Rye, Stone Cross, Wartling, Westham, Willingdon.}