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# Forest Economic Partnership Stakeholder Meeting

11 December 2019

Gloucestershire College, Forest Campus

# Agenda

**Welcome (Andrew Callard, Chair FEP)**

**Community Interest Company (CIC) Update (Wendy Jackson)**

**Grand Challenges - Aging Society (Group Discussion)**

**Projects:**

- Forest of Dean Biosphere Reserve (Alastair Chapman, BRAG) **& Vote**
- How Fast; How Good? (David Trevelyan, Chair Digital Connectivity)
- Bridging the Gap (David Trevelyan, Chair Digital Connectivity)
- Tech Nations / Smart Rural (David Trevelyan, Chair Digital Connectivity)
- IF- Inspiring the Forest (IF Action Group)
- Future Transport Consultation (Andrew Callard on behalf of Bridges, Borders, Transport & Infrastructure)

**MAaS (David Trevelyan, Chair Digital Connectivity)**

**Severn Vale Board Update (Andrew Callard, Chair FEP) & Vote**

**2020 Meeting Dates**

**AOB**



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# Community Interest Company (CIC) Update

(Wendy Jackson)

# Forest Economic Partnership CIC

**FOREST ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP CIC** is incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a Community Interest Company. Is a private company, which the company is limited by guarantee, and the situation of its registered office is in England and Wales. **Company Number:** 12262533

**Registered Office (2019/2020):** Beaumont House, 172 Southgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2EZ

**Trading Address:** Forest of Dean District Council, High St, Coleford GL16 8HG

# CIC Formation Update

- 6 Directors appointed
- Logo's updated with Company Number
- Opened a Treasurer Account with Lloyds
- Insurance Provider Identified
- Accountant Identified
- Independent website in early 2020



Andrew Callard

Chair of FEP Stakeholders, Chair of  
CIC Board, Champion for  
Marketing and Communications



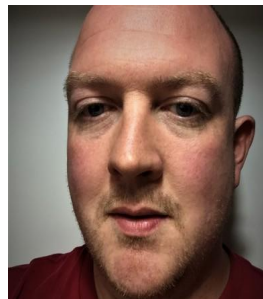
Wendy Jackson

Champion for Equality &  
Diversity, Human Resources and  
Safeguarding



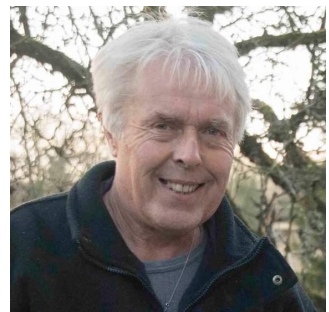
Paul James

Vice Chair of CIC Board, Champion  
for Finance



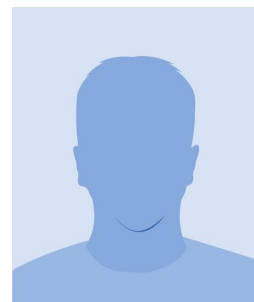
David Trevelyan

CIC Secretary, Champion for  
Quality, Health & Safety,  
Corporate Governance and  
Environmental Policy



Richard Leppington

Vice Chair of FEP Stakeholders,  
Champion for Legal



Ray Cotton

Interested in becoming a Stakeholder  
Director?

Please speak to myself or one of the other  
Directors after the meeting.



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# Grand Challenges - Aging Society

(Andrew Callard)



# UK Industrial Strategy Foreword

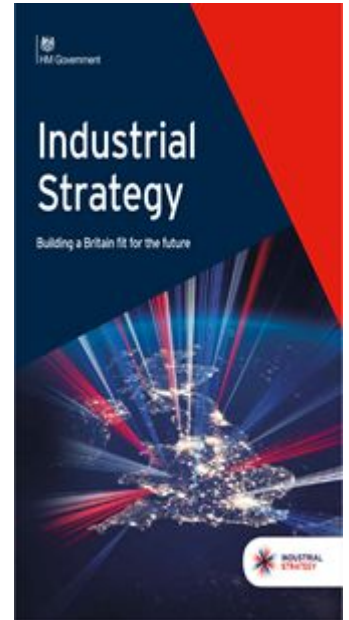
It is not enough just to look at the economy we have. We must make preparations for the economy we need to become.

These Grand Challenges are an invitation to business, academia and civil society to work together to

innovate and develop new technologies and industries in areas of strategic importance to our country.

Putting the UK at the forefront of the artificial intelligence and data revolution; maximising the advantages for UK industry from the global shift to clean growth; being a world leader in shaping the future of mobility; and harnessing the power of innovation to help meet the needs of an ageing society.

To support evaluation and further understanding of the economy, we aim to make the UK the best understood major economy.



# The 4 Grand Challenges

## UK Industrial Strategy

Growing the AI &  
Data-Driven Economy

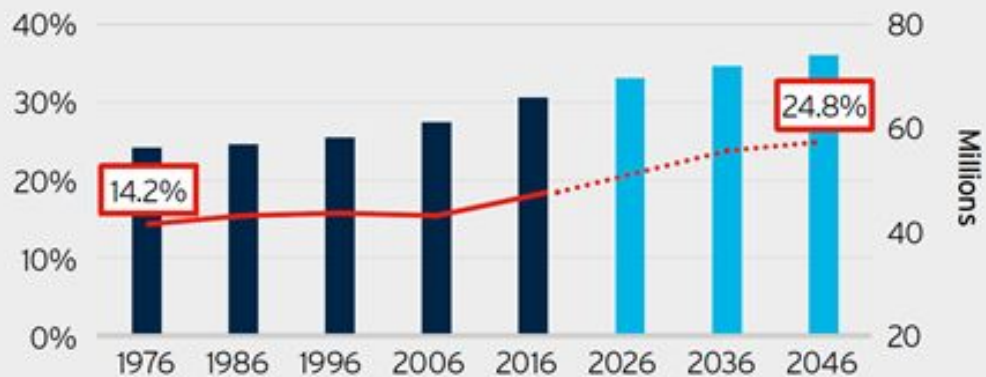
Clean Growth

The Future of Mobility

Ageing Society

**By 2046 almost 1 in 4 people will be 65 years old and over**

**UK population and proportion of population aged 65 and over**



**Ageing populations will create new demands for technologies, products and services**



## **The UK Industrial Strategy says we will:**

We will harness the power of innovation to help meet the needs of an ageing society.

Ageing populations will create new demands for technologies, products and services, including new care technologies, new housing models and innovative savings products for retirement.

We have an obligation to help our older citizens lead independent, fulfilled lives, continuing to contribute to society

# The UK Industrial Strategy says we will:

Support new products and services for the growing global population of older people, meeting important social needs and realising the business opportunity for the UK

Lifestyle and independence support, new product launches support

Support sectors to adapt to a changing and ageing workforce

More flexible working, later retirement age

Leverage our health data to improve health outcomes and UK leadership in life sciences

Regional Digital Innovation Hubs, Early diagnostics

Support care providers to adapt their business models to changing demands, encouraging new models of care to develop and flourish

Green Paper Care and Support, use of emerging technology, use of Growth Hub network

So what does this mean for the  
Forest of Dean & your sector?

## Internet skills

- What age limits trust/confidence in the internet for services, banking
- Fear of security + personal info. sharing from older people

## Transport

- Isolation issues due to poor public transport for older people who can no longer drive. Health + well-being impacts.
- Digital + physical infrastructure connectivity important but talking face-to-face is really important. Lift sharing / know your neighbours. Car clubs.

## Well-being business sector

Therapists, counselling, activities - can we tap into these better?  
massage

## Economic growth

Active economic growth without buying more stuff. Less buying goods but more spending on services/activity/experiences. Other economic models may thrive more social enterprise opportunities. Apprenticeships for 50-70 yr-olds?

## Positives

Forest Voluntary Action Forum - value the community they serve, Recognise people skills, learnt experience, capture traditional skills yes but also communication, leadership + transferable skills must not be lost.

Retain diverse communities. As we become greener we are going to need to look to our own community/economy more.

Celebrate activity already happening. Look at more flexible modes of employment.

Health distribution in elderly's favour but this can be a double-edged sword - take away the risk for them to be consumers.

## Aging Pop'n

- ⊗ flexible approach to solutions.
- ⊗ flexible working- retirement age ↑
- ⊗ loneliness + isolation.
- ⊗ Connectivity
- ⊗ education > use local talent > link generations.

⊗ transport ⊗

⊗ appropriate employment - challenging

⊗ Volunteering ??? NOT FREE!

⊗ Life-time homes - change the nature of housing. HOMES!

↳ housing policy for the FOD. - meet the needs of the pop'n.

increasing health issues (more + different). ↳ community driven  
↳ transport + health included  
↳ JOINED-UP!



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## Project Updates

Forest of Dean Biosphere Reserve

- Alastair Chapman, BRAG



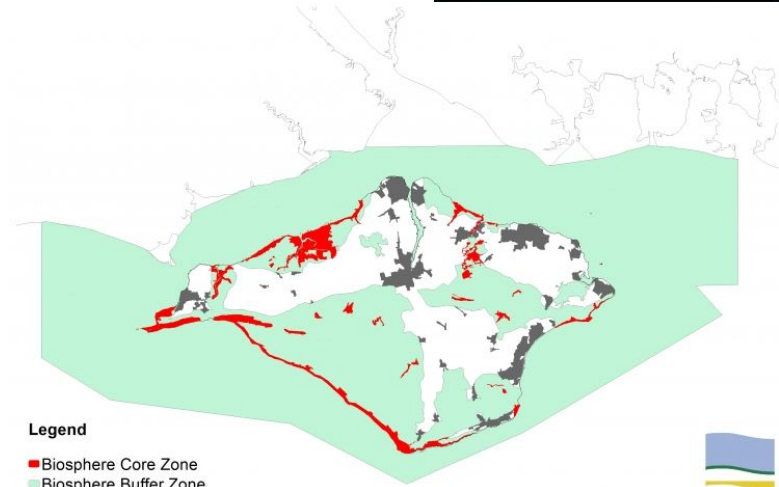
# Forest of Dean Biosphere Reserve (BR)

Now we have an idea of the economic benefits of a Biosphere Reserve, is there community backing?

Stakeholders will be aware of the Economic Case for BR published by FEP earlier this year.

The next steps are to engage with the wider community and key stakeholders to:

- Set out what a Biosphere Reserve is
- Identify wider potential benefits and concerns of a BR
- Seek community and stakeholder views on a potential FoD BR



## Legend

- Biosphere Core Zone
- Biosphere Buffer Zone
- Biosphere Transition Zone
- Urban Areas

# Community & Stakeholder Engagement

In conjunction with FoDDC we propose to submit a bid to the Lottery for funding for 10K to support community and stakeholder engagement to assess the wider appetite for a Biosphere Reserve.

Both FoDDC & FEP will be committing staff resources, which can be used as match, effectively doubling the total value of the project.

The Project will:

- Develop wider partnership to guide the next phase of the project
- Specific engagement with statutory organisations such as GCC, LEP, NE, EA, FE, Tourism Asoc etc
- Utilise online surveys, short videos and facilitated workshops to engage a wide range of stakeholders
- Develop a business model for a perspective Forest of Dean Biosphere Reserve\*.

\*Once we have engaged with the community we will understand whether this is something our local community will support and encourage.

# Timeline for Heritage Project



# Vote:

**Yes: 17**  
**Abstained: 2**



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## Project Updates

How Fast; How Good?

- David Trevelyan, Chair Digital Connectivity

- Data from the last survey has been submitted to GFirstLEP Industrial Strategy
- Connectivity requirements fed into the FoDDC Local Plan, Issues and Options Consultation
- Next stage planned for early next year
- Deeper analysis of broadband speed
- Focusing on performance over time (especially early evening slow down)



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# Project Updates

Bridging the Gap

- David Trevelyan, Chair Digital Connectivity

- Engaged a contractor to look at a Wireless Solution for the Brockweir/Hewelsfield area
- Project progressed as expected, however:
- BT have now re-surveyed the area following FEP contractor (no link...?)

### Longer Term

- Fastershire will deploy in the area hopefully resolving the issue

### 2020

- Meeting Monmouthshire CC Rural Connectivity Provider
- Ongoing support for the Churcham Fastershire Broadband pilot





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## Project Updates

Tech Nations / Smart Rural

- David Trevelyan, Chair Digital Connectivity

## Attended the Mobile UK presentation to Gloucestershire County Council

- Future of 5G in Gloucestershire
- 5G is likely 10 to 15 years away in rural areas, because;
- 4G Share Rural Network plans

## Connected Vehicles – UK5G Event

- MIRA Nuneaton
- Understanding the future of connected vehicles
- Automation and Safety
- Connectivity

**“ A Mixed Message from the Automotive Industry**

**•Urban before Rural**

**•Focus is sales rather than better ”**



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# Project Updates

- IF- Inspiring the Forest
- IF Action Group

# Inspiring the Forest Update

Good News & Bad News

# Objectives of Inspiring the Forest

Through a series of events we aim to:

- Raise aspirations amongst the young, parents, teachers and adults across the Forest of Dean
- Show local residents what amazing businesses and opportunities are on the doorstep
- Create closer links between schools, councils and businesses
- Create a community

## **In each zone there's a focus on .....**

Experience-based activities that reflect the core skills needed in the sector regardless of size of company.

Starting conversations that support young people to decide which career may be interesting. A conversation that might turn into work experience and ultimately job offers and then further opportunities and pathways.

Information on the size and nature of the sector and where products or services end up in the world.

## **Sponsorship Opportunities**

Contributor from £5 to £99

Goody Bag Sponsor £100

Regular Sponsor Cost £250

Sector Sponsor Cost £1250

Lead Sponsor Cost £5000

Want to become a Sponsor or Participating Business?

Come and see me after this meeting

Or request forms through [fep@fdean.gov.uk](mailto:fep@fdean.gov.uk)





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## Project Updates

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- Andrew Callard on behalf of Bridges, Borders, Transport & Infrastructure

# Future Ground Zero Transport Study

- Transport in the heading but county control roads; others control rails and bridges; highways.

- Problem of the problem approach.

The opportunity approach:

- Time of fundamental change
- Ignore what you do now
- What, why and where do you travel?
- What modes might you consider at different times?

- If there were “XXXX” way would you use it?
- What are your opportunities/restrictions?
- If scenarios.

- Being reviewed and developed.

Some interesting local community plans.  
County data for their refreshed plan and consultation.



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**MAaS**  
**Mobility As a Service**  
**(David Trevelyan)**

Geek Term: Mobility as a Service (MaaS)

Human: Integrated technology and information to get around

**“Moves the conversation from the [car] journey to getting from A to B”**

# Why

- Access 5G Rural Projects funding (early 5G roll out in the FoDDC)
- Collection of data on services, service use
- Development of the future of rural transport
- Public Transport is an area Weakness; FEP SWOT 2018
- Reduce reliance on cars to get around
- Improved service to consumers
- Challenges existing “mobility models”: Subsidising public transport, building roads
- Focuses on commercial viability of existing and new services

# What

- Initially focus on existing services, data, governance etc (critical to smart rural / cities)
- Data for developers, providers and users
- Create a platform for future uses (rural on demand platforms)



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# Severn Vale Board

**(Andrew Callard)**

- Terms of reference circulated to Stakeholders
- One of 3 boards being established by Leadership Gloucestershire from Concordat of October 2018 alongside Central Gloucestershire Growth Board and Rural Ambition Board
- Purpose challenged and now evolving.
- Impact of Great Western Powerhouse announcement
- Principally around connectivity transport and digital and role in key geographic area.
- Unusual membership including FEP, Stroud Local Strategic Partnership and MMC



**Vote:**

**Motion Agreed**



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# 2020 Stakeholder Meeting Dates

Tuesday 17 March 2020

Wednesday 17 June 2020

Thursday 17 September 2020

Thursday 17 December 2020

**It's essential that you confirm attendance when the invite is issued in the month prior.**



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# Thanks and Close

“We must all turn out backs upon the horrors of the past and look to the future. We cannot afford to drag forward across the years to come, hatred and revenges which have sprung from the injuries of the past” - Winston Churchill

**“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success” - Henry Ford**

“So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles each day brings” - Matthew 6.34