

TEESDALE PARTNERSHIP (LSP)

THEMATIC GROUP LEAD MEMBER REPORT FORM

THEMATIC GROUP/ LEAD MEMBER	DATES COVERED IN REPORT:
Environment and Transport Group Councillor O Hedley	July – August, 2008
MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED THIS PERIOD:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Energy solutions (CES) are still attempting to bring gas into Cockfield village despite the complex design and number of landowners involved. Two feasibility studies have been completed for the Middleton biomass scheme and a financial model is in the process of being worked up. A public consultation event was held on the 9th July to discuss the design options. • £12,477 funding has been obtained from various partners (including a £500 contribution from the LSP Management Team) to deliver the re-named Barney Bag Campaign. A meeting with retailers and other interested persons was held in early August to discuss how the campaign could best meet the aim of reducing the number of disposable bags distributed. Decisions were made in relation to a reusable bag for the town, a retailers pledge, promotional items and a householder event. Currently a designer is working on the artwork for the bags and it is anticipated that the campaign will be fully launched in Jan 09 given the long lead in time for bag delivery. • Endorsement of the Re-drafted South West Durham Heritage Corridor Management Plan attained following further consultation with parish councils 	
MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES TO BE ACHIEVED NEXT PERIOD:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing gas to Cockfield village and biomass scheme for Middleton-in-Teesdale: Attainment of funding for the full cost of both schemes is required. The Community have been consulted with on the work of CES and are involved in making choices regarding alternative energy sources • Barney bag Scheme: Bag design to be agreed at retailers meeting in September. Wording for pledge to be agreed at retailers meeting on the 11th sep Local celebrity endorsement to be attained Sign up to pledge by local and national retailers, hold residents event, distribute bags, launch campaign, monitor success. There are opportunities for community groups such as the WI, the YMCA and schools to get involved with the proposed campaign. • South West Durham Heritage Corridor Plan: Project seeks to re-establish the disused Barnard Castle to West Auckland railway line as an access route for walkers, cyclists and riders. Actions to enhance biodiversity and heritage alongside the railway line will be taken as the pathway develops: Endorsement of the Environment and Transport Group to be sent to Sue Mullinger DCC Project Lead by Group Chair. 	

Signed (Lead Member)..... Date.....