

Road-testing the Hastings Regeneration Timeline

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The context



Getting Started

BIG LOCAL NORTH EAST HASTINGS

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Context

Literature review

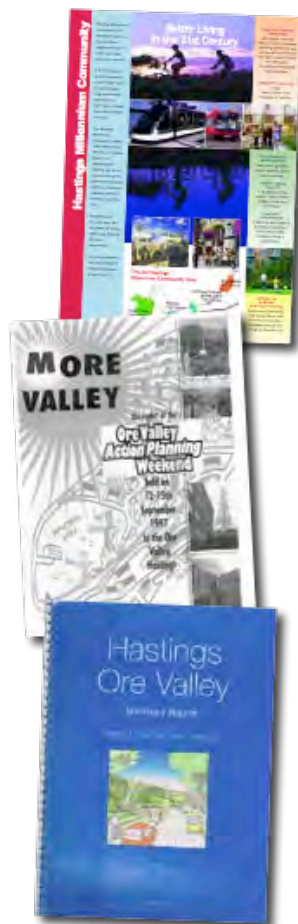
When the 'Getting Started' team were preparing their proposal for approaching the Big Local work, a number of informal conversations took place with residents and service providers who have a history of engagement and activism in the area we now identify as North East Hastings. These conversations identified a detailed and comprehensive body of past activity and generated an interest in building a history of consultation, engagement and planning activity which had taken place within the area.

This initial scoping work revealed the existence of a significant body of work ranging from local history articles, master-planning exercises, evaluations of past projects, neighbourhood plans, consultations and surveys. From this, and the richness of the material which had been found, the North East Hastings Literature Review began to take shape.

Essentially, a literature review recognises that any activity does not materialise "out of nowhere" but exists within a history, framework and context of previous work to which it should relate. It is also important that any new work takes account of what is already known and seeks to fill a gap or build on existing knowledge rather than simply repeats what has gone before.

In taking this approach the team were also acutely aware that as agencies and public services change and – in the present climate shrink - there is a real risk that the "corporate memory" of past work and research will diminish over time as individual practitioners leave or organisations re-structure. Therefore, the Literature Review is a way of preserving past work and making this available to a wider set of residents, agencies and academics who may use it to inform their current work or approach.

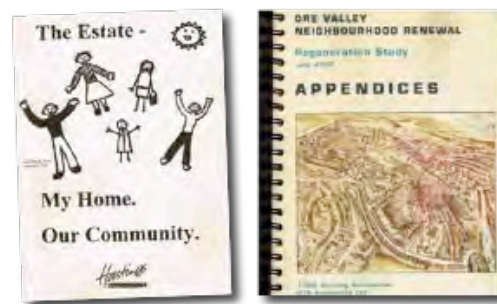
In practical terms the literature review has involved developing a spreadsheet cataloguing material of possible relevance and recording key bibliographic data as well as summarising any findings. A selection of the most important material is provided in the Literature Listing Appendix 3 and also on the Big Local 'Getting Started' website



(‘Before Big Local’ menu tab) with live access to individual source documents where these are available digitally.

The process of undertaking a literature review has provided a context which has been used to inform individual conversations with residents. An example of this is shown in the "timeline" exercise which was used extensively in the Big Local Roadshow events. As part of this approach a report from a community led-action planning exercise from 1997 was used. Many residents were unaware that the community had created a formal document describing its vision for the area and were asked simple questions arising from it e.g. "In 1997 residents identified young people as the top priority - is this still the case and how have things changed?". In this way the current Big Local work could be presented properly in the context of previous activity and in a way which enabled residents to examine change and development over periods of time.

The 'Getting Started' Team are keen that the Literature Review which has been created should be a "living" document which grows over time adding to the intelligence about the area. Therefore, having created the framework, initial discussions have taken place with the University of Brighton with a view to embedding the North East Hastings material within the Hastings Knowledge Exchange, a new initiative from the Community University Partnership Programme which aims to bring together the knowledge of local communities, voluntary organisations, practitioners and university academics to share their different understandings and perspectives on issues of common interest.

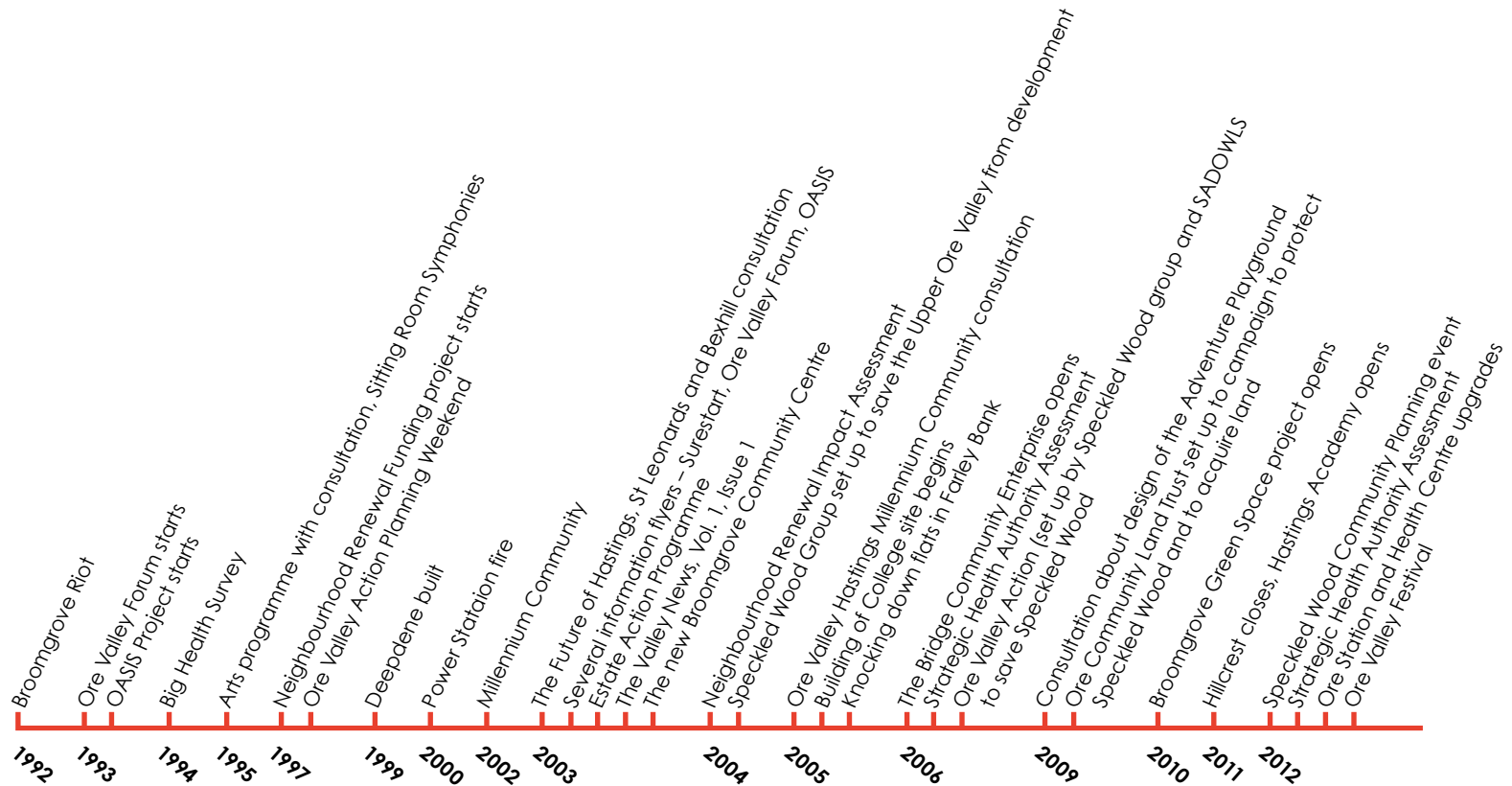


NE Hastings Timeline

end product – the past

APPENDIX 6

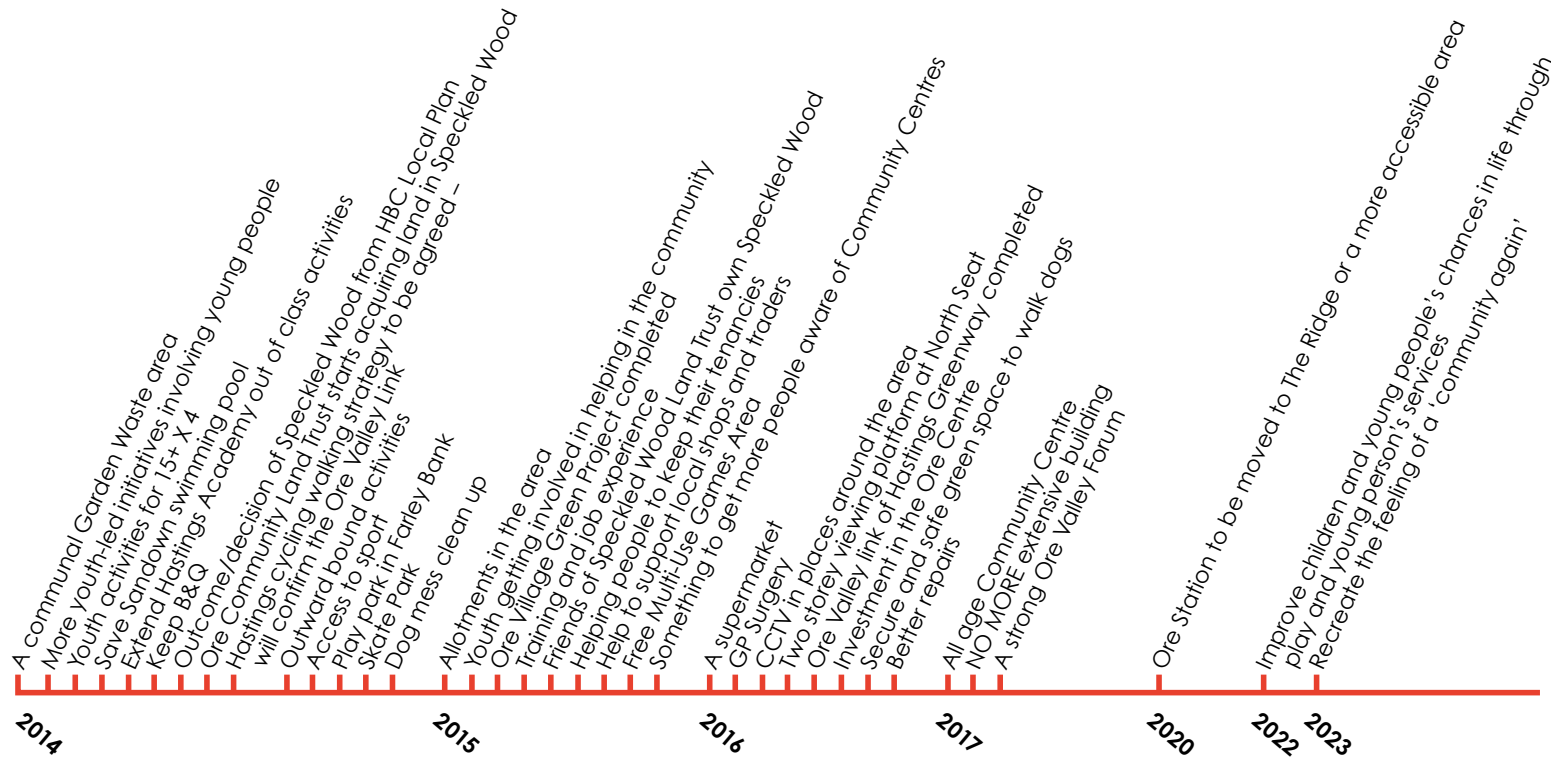
North East Hastings Timeline – developed by local people at 'Getting Started' Big Local events



NE Hastings Timeline end product – the future

APPENDIX 7

Future Timeline – next 10 years – developed by local people at 'Getting Started' Big Local events



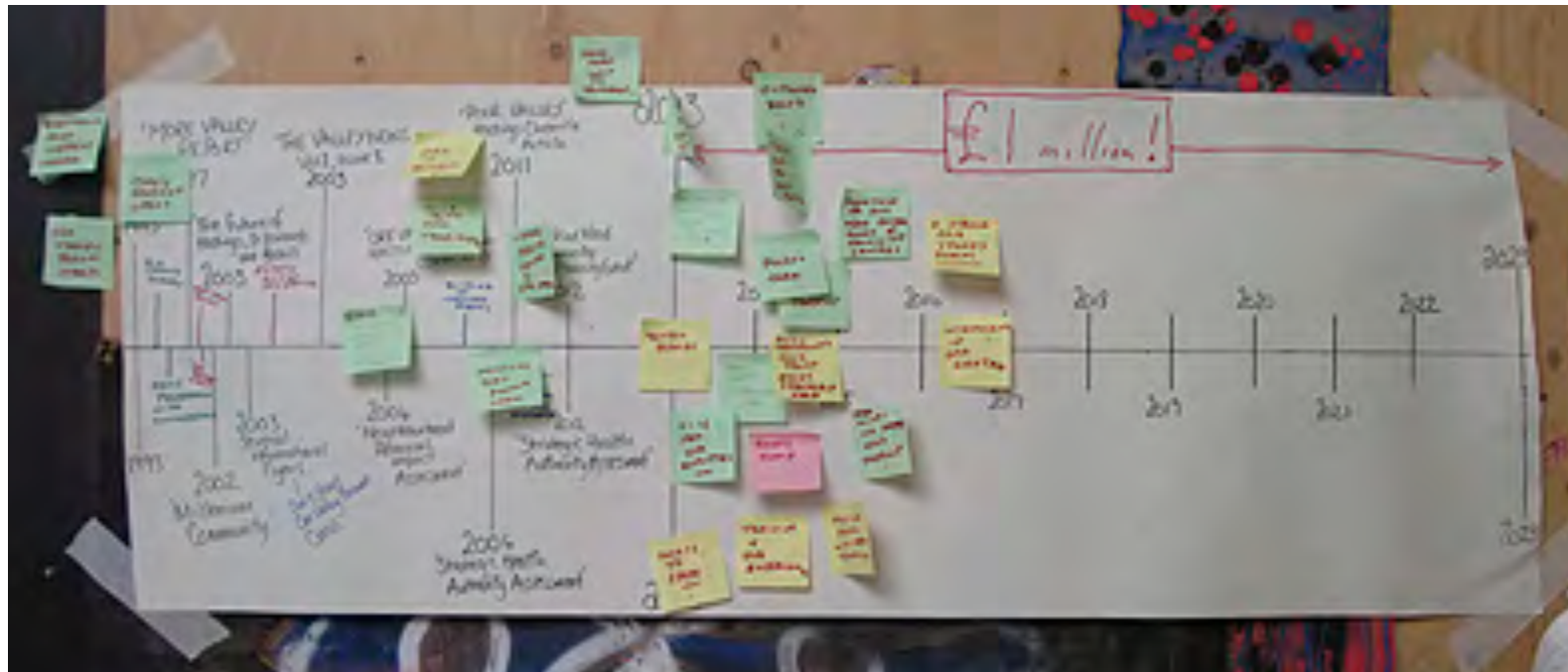
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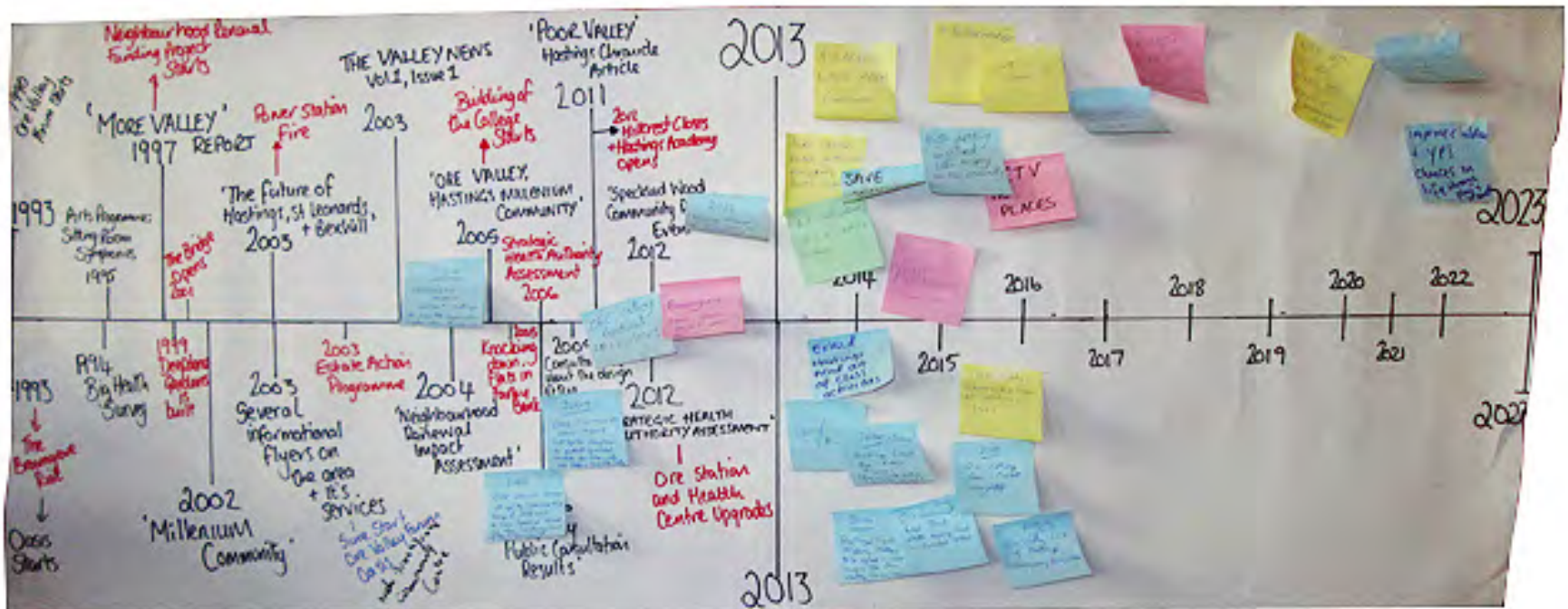
Here at the Adventure Playground



By the end of the Adventure Playground session (29 June 2013)



By the end of a later session at the Ore Centre (11 July 2013)



Value of NE Hastings timeline

- Simple framework for recording regeneration history of the area
- Helps build collective memory
- Allows for alternative histories
- Useful planning tool for thinking forward

Hastings Regeneration Timeline Project

- Similar process to NE Hastings for whole town.
- Interactive physical displays at events.
- Interactive website version online.
- Exhibition in one year's time.
- Useful tool for all - community, council, academics.

Organisation

- Partnership between Hastings Voluntary Action (HVA), University of Brighton (Hastings Campus), and Nick Wates Associates (NWA).
- **Editorial team:**
Steve Manwaring, Juliet Millican, Helen Walker & Nick Wates.
- **Website development:**
Jason Bailey, Tucker McNeill and Craig Wakefield, Learning Technology Advisors, UoB
- **Graphic design and images:**
Erica Smith, Wordsmith Design
- **Events:**
Jane Freund, Event Organiser, NWA
Catherine Watson, Community Partnerships Officer, HVA

Advisory Group

- Hannah Brookshaw, Regeneration Officer, Hastings Borough Council
- Glyn Carter, Stories into Light
- Dunja Dunda, MA Community Psychology, UoB
- Steve Foreman, ex Hastings Borough Council officer for St Leonards Housing Renewal Area
- Jo Orchard Webb, Research Associate, School of Environment and Technology, UoB
- Andre Palfrey-Martin, Secretary, Save Our Heritage
- Rachel Pearson, Co-owner, Electric Palace Cinema
- Naomi Ridley, Hastings Furniture Service
- Jess Steele, White Rock Trust

Scoping – a test edublog

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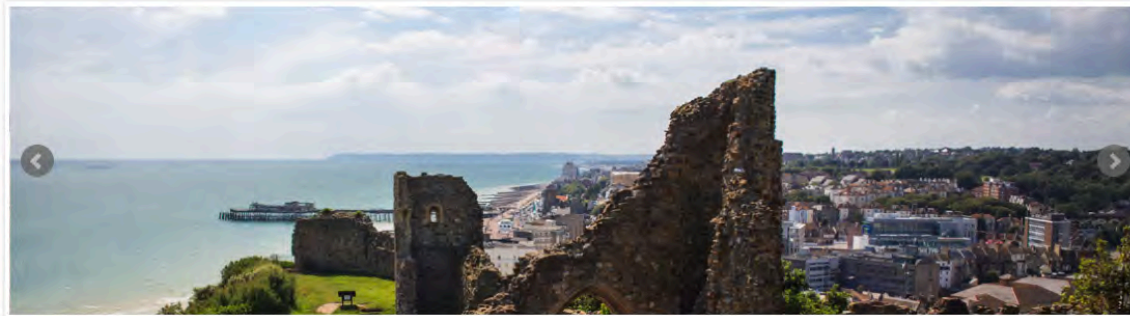
Welcome!

About Us

Timeline

Submit an entry

Discussion Board



Welcome to the Hastings Regeneration Timeline Project.

Feel free to browse our interactive timeline by clicking on the menu above, or you can click this link here

Thanks to the Learning Technologies Advisers, UoB (Hastings Campus)

Scoping – simple format

Event heading - Event annotation - Link to webpages or downloadable document with more info - Image

Hastings Voluntary Action (HVA) formed

A Council for Voluntary Service promoting the principle and practice of voluntary action by both *individuals* and *organised groups*.

1989

hastingsvoluntaryaction.org

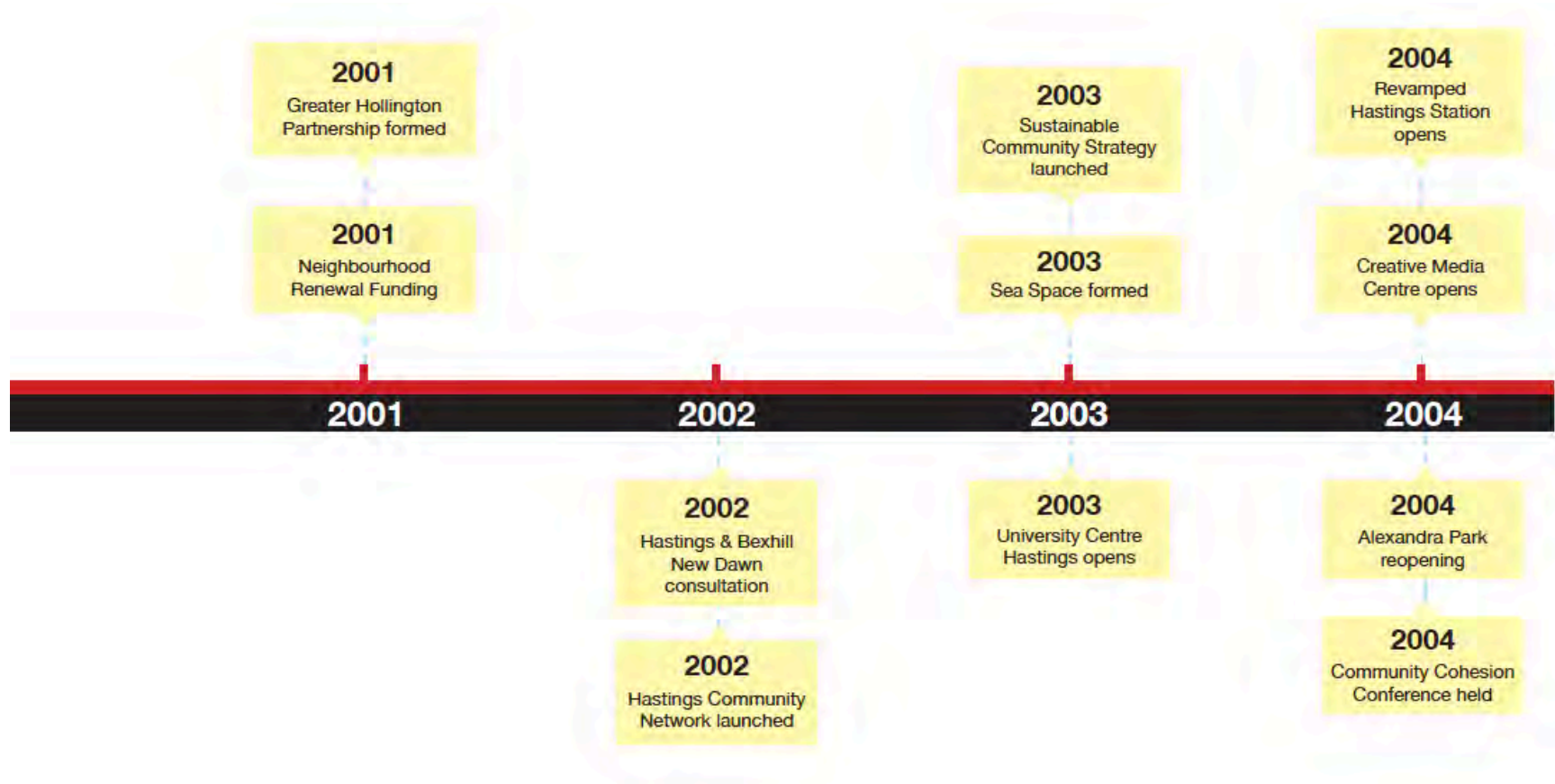
Scoping - we could have themes

The screenshot shows a digital timeline interface for the Tower of London. At the top, there are navigation options: "View full screen" on the left and "Close" on the right. Below these are three filter buttons: "Architecture & Works" (highlighted in teal), "Events" (highlighted in light green), and "Reign" (highlighted in light blue). The main content area features a background image of the Tower of London. A large, semi-transparent teal triangle is overlaid on the image, pointing upwards. Within this triangle, there are two callout boxes: one for "1066 The Tower Founded" and another for "1079-1100 The White Tower Built". To the right of the triangle, there is a small portrait of a man labeled "William II". The timeline at the bottom is a horizontal axis with a vertical slider on the left. The axis has several green dots representing events, with the following years labeled: 1084, 1187, 1238, 1345, 1461, 1486, 1553, and 16. At the bottom of the interface, there are four columns of text, each partially cut off: "that you can share with friends", "embed them on your website.", "via Twitter, Facebook, Google+", and "started. We also publish mini-".

Courtesy of tiki-toki.com

Scoping – a test interactive wall

Some sample items to get us started – Please add things missing – Make comments on format and process – One idea per sticky notes – Discuss later



Thanks to Erica Smith, Wordsmith Design

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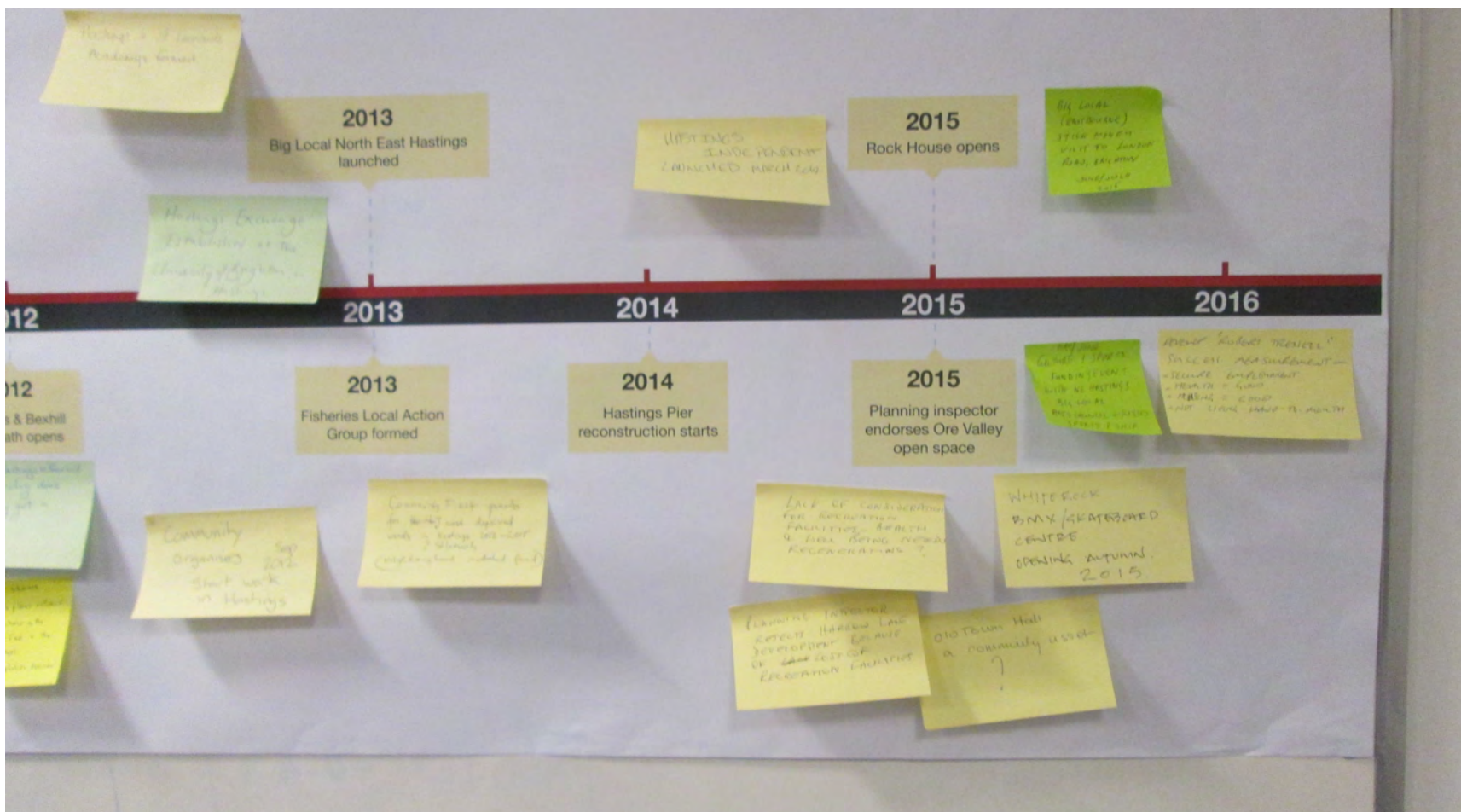
Community Led Regeneration Forum, UoB Hastings Campus

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State of play

- Updated timeline incorporating feedback from the pilot.
- Online and wall chart versions.
- Project ready to be presented to potential sponsors.

Over to you

- **Work in progress.** All suggestions welcome especially sources of funding.
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