

## **Members help to shape stadium plans**

The PST Stadium Sub-Group was launched at the March Members meeting. As a result over 60 PST Members contacted the PST Sub-group email ([stadium@pompeytrust.com](mailto:stadium@pompeytrust.com)) to express an interest in being involved.

A general sub-group meeting was held in April to introduce members and set a path for what we could achieve and how we could achieve it. The consensus at the meeting was to set up three smaller groups tasked with looking at different aspects of the stadium issue. These eventually became:

- A Short Term Strategy Group
- A Long Term Strategy Group
- A Case Study Group

Members were asked which group they would like to work in, with the aim of 10-15 members per group.

To date the Long Term Strategy Group has made the most progress. This is due in part to the group having members who are former Portsmouth City Council Planning Officers and who have brought considerable expertise and knowledge to the group on the history of Portsmouth FC's attempts to relocate and the planning policy position on the Fratton Park area. As a result a presentation was made to the members of the group and a draft report on the merits of relocation or redevelopment is being prepared.

The Short Term Group met earlier this month to discuss improvements to Fratton Park and the match day experience for fans with simple quick fixes. An initial idea is to poll fans of each stand on certain areas they'd like suggest improvements on. The North Stand Concourse is one such area the group felt could be given some 'quick fixes' and this is something I'm exploring with the Club to see what could be achieved in the close season.

The Case Study group will meet shortly and will be tasked with looking at how other clubs have managed to redevelop/ relocate both logistically and financially. Their findings will help identify possible precedents that PFC could follow.

I have met with the PCFC Board to outline what these PST sub-groups aims are and the feedback has been appreciative and positive to what the sub-group can bring to the Club's approach to tackling this issue.

The various groups are at differing levels of advancement at this stage, but the aim will be to report back to the PST Board and in turn the PST Membership at regular intervals.

- Mike Saunders