

Neighbourhood Plan group meeting Tuesday 10th February 2015

Present: Cllrs N Forknell, R Westbury, K Duncan, Mrs Margaret Hanrahan, Mrs Wendy Carroll, M Dunphy

1. Apologies were received from Farooq, Cllr J Harvey
Mike Dunphy, Strategic Planning Manager, BDC was introduced & welcomed to the group)
2. The minutes of meeting held on 14th January 2015 were approved
3. There were no matters arising
4. The draft proposed Constitution was reviewed.

MD suggested that the content be kept fluid and reviewed in 6 months. It was agreed not to restrict membership to 12 as later, more help would be required.
NF will amend and re circulate.

It was also agreed that all group members should agree to adhere to the Code of Conduct used by Bromsgrove District Council for its members. HD to circulate to all

5. Ideas for Mission/Vision Statement
MD advised to keep this short, and suggested that it is too early to agree this
First, we must agree objectives (probably a few key ones as will need to be checked against the Sustainability Assessment
MD also advised that these should be achievable – eg – an integrated transport system is not achievable, but improvements to cycle tracks and more bus shelters might be.
Similarly, avoid over-promising – eg improving health issues as unlikely to be able to do this

NF to send preliminary ideas to MD

6. Group Logo progress
No progress as yet, but MD offered help with this. NF to forward initial ideas.
7. Update regarding Landscape Character Assessment and Historic Environmental Records
Requests for these are in hand. Jack Hanson has also offered to run a workshop, suggested date March 11th (daytime) for this group and Barnt Green –details to be confirmed.

It was suggested that HD ask if numbers are restricted just to NP members, as if not, we could approach members of the Lickey Hills Local History Society to attend and see if they might support the group on this aspect.

HD to advise MD when details are confirmed as he may send a representative

8. What are our next steps in relation to the Planning aspects?
Mike Dunphy gave advice relating to where we go next including:

Document EVERYTHING to do with consultations

Consultation needs to be appropriate to the audience – it won't always be the same
Evidence – really vital – Note down conversations & including anecdotal evidence

Visit all groups in the parish

Try and organise a project in schools – IE Draw a plan of your area – include parks etc as this get to school parents and children have some great ideas!

At some point, need to produce a results document – ie – this is what you have told us to date, have we got it right? Try and be ready with this for Summer events

Use Consultations to find out what are the issues – some BDC evidence will support this

Drop-in days are useful at reaching various groups

There is a wealth of relevant documents on BDC website

RE HOUSING

Where are housing needs, and what types of housing – need to find people's needs/aspirations for housing along with broad locations – ie 'to the north of parish' rather than 'in this field'

Remember – it is building for the future – resident's children's needs not just their own

DON'T START WITH WHERE THE HOUSES ARE GOING TO BE UNTIL ISSUES ARE AGREED

It is good to do a Plan for 2 additional reasons

- 1) Receipt of 25% of CIL – Higher than areas without a plan
- 2) It will be a useful tool in Greenbelt review

NB –SHLAA is largely driven by what individuals (not necessarily landowners) have submitted and is not ~~sense checked by BDC~~ a full development assessment – perhaps not the best starting point to introduce where new housing will go ~~topic~~

Finance

BDC will receive £25,000 from central funding – this will cover their support to us and the EIP and referendum

BDC can also offer us, at no cost, artwork and mapping services (ask MD for other prices – such as pop up banners as has suppliers)

Parish Funding – NF to speak to Alvechurch PC as they have benefitted from recent funding – some may be in the form of services – ie a planning expert – rather than cash

MD also advised making sure that the balance between L&B and CH is fair, so that one can not be accused of leading or forcing the other. Avoid using the L&B logo. Make sure all info is replicated across both websites and consult with each other's residents too – and perhaps local businesses.

9. Incorporation of local businesses into the Neighbourhood Plan - ideas, case study.
MD stressed the importance of businesses, and also of visitors to the parish (ie for us, the Country Park)
Perhaps hold an event at a local venue and invite all – including home workers
Also suggested that we consult with Birmingham CC as we do share a boundary

10. AOB – MD asked that we send all we have collected so far to him

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 11th March time tbc dependent on daytime event

