

Earls Colne Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Tuesday 9th April 2019

Attendees: Tony Calton, Robert Cook, Denise Siddall, Nicola Spelling, Catherine Hayes, Sheila Boyce, Margaret Barrett

Apologies: Hugh Street

Task Group Leader Update

- Paul Copsey has stepped down as lead of the housing group. Bob will take this role on going forward.
- Sheila will take over the Infrastructure Group.

Task Group Activities

- Environment – Group have met and will be meeting with Jan at the end of April. Focus is on the village as a whole: run off of water, important wildlife and wildlife corridors, feasibility of joining up pockets of land, ancient hedges, etc. Nikki to provide contact details for Colin Canning who is a river warden for the Wildlife Trust.
- Economy – Group met on 19th March. A light survey has been developed and will be distributed via email or by hand to local shops, businesses, farms, care homes and the school. A meeting will be convened with Jan once the objectives session and the surveys have been completed. Meeting again 29th April.
- Community Facilities – Group met on 9th April. Update given on school plans to meet additional demand of planned housing. Permission and plans underway for 2 classrooms, a studio and new toilets. Challenges for future are outdoor space constraints and sufficient space at lunchtime. Jeff is awaiting progress with Ramsey and Honeywood. Paul is organising surveys for churches and halls. Nikki has contacted the surgery and will be meeting the practitioner on Friday. Next meeting will be in June.
- Infrastructure – A group meeting is scheduled for 10th April with Jan Stobart.
- Group overlaps – it was agreed that we would have one contact person for the schools. Bob raised pollution as a potential area of overlap between infrastructure and environment groups.

Questionnaire

- Agreed to provide 2 forms per household in colour with the option of entering a prize draw.
- To be added to website as downloadable file.
- Encourage completion through the Halstead Gazette, Facebook and village groups.

Update on Ramsey

- Met with 19 students at Ramsey and provided them with some background to the Neighbourhood Plan and the questionnaire.

- Questionnaires will be collated and a report prepared by the beginning of the next half term in May.

Website Update

- Website should be available in a couple of weeks.
- Documentation will be uploaded regularly with restricted areas in place for members of the NP groups.

Other

- Follow up with Recreation Club on whether there can be a Neighbourhood Plan presence during the May Day celebration (5th May).

Next Steering Group Meeting

- Wednesday 1st May, 7.30pm, Council Chamber.