

Report to Lanteglos Parish Magazine

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Neighbourhood Plan Update

Website

At our last Steering Group meeting we met with Western Web who are designing and setting up the Neighbourhood Plan dedicated website. We have agreed what information will be posted there and links to the Parish Council website and the graphics we will use.

Housing Needs Survey

This on-line survey, administered for us by Cornwall Council, has now closed. Analysis and a report on the findings should be with us in January. We await these with interest as over one hundred responses were received and we know that several residents have indicated that they have a housing need. This is the kind of information we will need when we start drawing up policies for future development in Lanteglos-by-Fowey. You may be aware that in order to facilitate the online completion of the surveys that Broadband has now been brought to Whitecross Village Hall. We will continue to support that facility.

Getting residents' ideas and comments

As you will know members of the Steering Group have attended the monthly Produce Markets at Whitecross Village Hall and have collected a range of individual comments. All of these were anonymous and represent what the person making the comment wished to say. As you might expect in a lively community like ours there is considerable diversity and difference in what people wish to see happening in our community and where. Our next stage is to talk to the Cornwall Rural Communities Charity about developing a more detailed survey which will incorporate some of the ideas that you have identified. We are looking at one that was developed for Roche NP which we could use as a model for our own. We will be able to apply for further grant money from Groundwork to finance this work.

Meeting different groups in the Community

As well as attending the Produce Market Cllr Roger Talling and SG member Graham Brooks attended the last meeting of the Tenants and Residents Association meeting with Cllr Hannaford. Again people were keen to have their ideas heard and a report of that meeting will be put on the website reliable. The same themes are emerging including concern for the future of Polruan Primary School and the need for 1-2 and 3-4 bedroom houses, possibly in Kendal Park. The idea of resiting of the Surgery facilities has been raised again. There is a concern over residents' parking and on street parking and this will be taken up by the Parish Council. There are also issues over transport. People are keen to protect what we have here and that any new planning and development should enhance, not detract from the environment and natural beauty of the landscape. There were suggestions that any new applications should require parking, roadway and services to be in place before any building works commence. New developments should reflect local architecture in the use of materials and sensitivity to existing buildings.

Future engagement with groups in the community

The meeting with the Tenants and Residents Association was useful in so many ways and if you know of a group who would like us to give a presentation or report on the developing Neighbourhood Plan please let us know. We would be happy to make a visit. Our aim is to produce a plan, derived and developed by the whole community that sets out how we wish Lanteglos-by-Fowey to develop by 2030. There are other Neighbourhood Plans that are now made and we know what St Ives, Rame, Roseland and others have in their plans; we can look at these and consider where we could adapt or replicate or decide would not do for us. In other words our aim is to draw up a plan that grows from the evidence we have gathered, reflects the hopes, needs and wishes of the community and sets down how these can be achieved. We plan to hold further open meetings in the Spring.

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