

Sandy Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Thursday 18 April 2024 at 7.30pm
Sandy Town Council Chamber, 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy

Minutes

Present: Nigel Aldis, Rob Baker, Anne Elliott-Flockhart, Arnie Gilpin, Joanna Hewitt (Chair) and Chris Patterson.

Apologies: Richard Barlow.

1. Approval of Minutes from 28 March 2024

Will need to be approved at the next meeting.

2. NP Progress

Chris reported on work that still needs to be done. The biggest piece of work that needs to be done is formatting which **Rob** will do. We will also need branding and appendices.

Joanna still needs to do the foreword.

Chris has a few other outstanding bits.

Prior to the meeting Richard had reported that the letters have been sent for the non-designated heritage assets.

We still need to send letters out about the green wheel.

We will need to put in a couple of paragraphs in the form of aspirations around a community energy group. The group discussed the potential for a hydro power scheme at the Mill. And how factories should be fitted with solar panels.

Arnie will do a piece on the green spine for the plan, which will need a map and some supporting text. Arnie and Chris

had met with Andy Skinner from the RSPB to discuss this, though he was there more in a personal/residentially capacity than as a member of the RSPB. Joanna reported that the current High Sherriff has connections with the higher levels of the RSPB so we might be able to approach them via him. It would be nice to create biodiversity along the green spine by creating meadow verges.

We would like an A4 trifold leaflet for the consultation that explains what the consultation is about, advising about drop-in times and venues, has some very simple questions and the link to the survey monkey questionnaire. Joanna reported that Houghton Regis are currently at the referendum stage of their plan and had some simple questions.

Sandy has two post code areas, SG19 -1 which covers most of Sandy, and SG19-2 which covers Fallowfield, Tempsford and part of Potton. It was decided that we would get the post office to deliver to SG19-1 and members of the group would deliver to Fallowfield, St Ivel park and Georgetown.

The documents will need to be linked to the Neighbourhood plan page on the council website. Joanna advised that council staff would monitor the survey responses.

Once the consultation has been completed we will need to respond to any comments and maybe make some changes before it can go to the examiner.

3. Sandy Spring Marker

We don't have anything specific to target at the market, it's more a case of reminding people of the group and to watch out for the consultation which will be coming soon.

To that end we will have the following posters on display

- A banner saying consultation coming soon
- What is a NP
- Why have a NP
- You yes you!
- Get involved
- SNP area
- Giveaways – pens & keyrings.

Attendance at Market:

- Rob can help set up
- Anne can help 12 – 2pm
- Nigel can help 12 -2pm
- Chris can help 2-4pm

4. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 May at 7.30pm at the Town Council offices.

