

Beccles Neighbourhood Plan

Operational Group Meeting

Notes from Meeting

Monday 26th November 2018 @ 10.00 Town Hall.

Present:

David Goldstone (Vice Chair)

John Sayer

Claire Mackney

Chris Greenhill

Jennie Robinson

Heather Sexton

Carol Coote

Elfrede Brambley- Crawshaw (Chair)

Apologies:

Graham Elliott

Paul Fletcher

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Beccles Station site

Understood that it does have planning permission currently for a home. Not sure what's happening with this. David to speak to Graham.

General Discussion.

The meeting reviewed as per agenda the draft NP and areas around Heritage sites, Community aspirations, Brownfield sites and Hidden Needs.

There was a view we should understand Beccles Town Council priorities regarding CIL spending as we have been looking at our own priority list for the NP.

Elfrede was able to do this during the meeting and there were 2 items relating to the Quay (Tourism and Leisure Improvements at Beccles Quay) and Ellough Business Park Cycle Path (Creation of Cycle Paths around Ellough Business Park) listed.

We discussed CIL spending and understood that it was typically used on infrastructure.

The provision of other important items such as schools Well lit footpaths, Multi use community space and a Green Gym were also identified as potential items based on what we know from feedback.

There was a strong indication from our data gather over the last 18 months that a focus be given to the following: -

- Play grounds and facilities
- Youth centre / meeting place
- Youth café with input on running it by young people with some support.
- These areas above were discussed and should be considered for inclusion in the NP.

In general, we are making good progress with the plan. Dave informed the team that there will be a new draft with them by Christmas for there input and check.

This will ensure that in the Jan 8th meeting we are able to comment and make any adjustments needed and discuss with Navigus.

Our aim is to progress to a final version as soon as possible. We have enough data at this time so no new requirement to gather more is needed but we must feel that we have all aspects covered.

Electric Cars.

Brief discussion on Plug in Suffolk (starts sometime in 2019).

This relates to charging points in towns. This was considered an important area for near future.

Policing and traffic wardens were also reviewed but with no firm outcome.

Car Parking.

Discussion on potential need for a decent Long-Term car park.

Brownfield sites

Most are allocated already or will be shortly. Our view was that whatever happens must fit with the feel and character of the town and not stick out like a sore thumb. Where possible sites should be developed for the benefit of the community.

Hidden Needs.

Jenny asked Dave to look at her draft for the NP and provide help with the highlighted section.

Information regarding re housing list Chris to supply detail to support this. (Chris do you recall this as I do not even though it's in the minutes)

Next Meeting.

The December meeting will be informal with no agenda or minutes.

Meetings in January 2019 are on Tuesday 8th Jan and Monday 28th Jan. Chris Bowden will attend the first of these. Both are at the Town Hall and start at 10.00am

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