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Minutes Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting
11th July 2016 7.30- 9.30pm

Venue STC Offices

1. Present, Graham Cooper, Richard Thurlow, Jeremy Woodward, Deirdre Hounsom, Louise Cole, Michael Earthey, Ian McKenzie-Edwards, Daniel Turner, Natalie Bentall, Claire Russell.

Guests introduced including Peter Murphy and Andrea Miles, and Tim Salt
Apologies were received from guest Jackie Green

2. The minutes of the interim Steering Group Meeting which took place on 16 June 2016 - Volunteer Inn were agreed.

2. DAH gave brief overview of the roadshows and the success of the questionnaires, which are still available at collection points and online and group achievements during the last 6 weeks. New Deadline for collection of all questionnaires extended to Monday 25th July 2016. We hope to have received back by Monday 25th July over 1,000 individual responses to the first questionnaire which represents just under 10% feedback from the public.

3. DAH and LC talked about the developing Port Royal Scoping project and argued strongly for an early presentation to the SG from EDDC. This has been arranged and all SG members plus other local Stakeholders are attending a presentation from Richard Cohen, Deputy Chief Executive of EDDC on Monday 25th July 2016 at Woolcombe House

4. DAH introduced Tim Salt who gave a presentation of the early findings of the first NP questionnaire and of the graphs he is currently compiling.

4. DAH discussed Other Publicity Opportunities during the summer DAH

There will be a presence at the Duck Derby – Jeremy plus a further 2 from the Vision Group hope to be there too. Other volunteers welcome to attend.

DAH, Dan and Nat will be attending the Sidmouth Community Festival on 23 July – planning to have a stall with games etc.

It was decided not to have an NP presence at the Folk Festival although there are still members of the SG in favour of doing something there.

Tour of Britain Cycle events prior to the day of the race, TBC Claire?

Graham said that there is going to be a food festival in Sidmouth on 15 August and suggested a NP presence at the event.

5. Report on Young Persons Questionnaire and involvement of schools & youth groups by Councillor Louise Cole. This initiative has now been pushed back until the start of the Autumn Term.

Councillor Cole also advised that the NP had been successful in being granted the maximum central government funding towards our NP, and having undertaken the due diligence requested by the government, we hope STC will be in receipt of these funds shortly.

Louise is attending a Youth Provision Group meeting on 14 July. She understands that Councillor Hughes may have access to a funding source for redesigning/developing the skate park.

Dan asked if anyone was aware of the Land Trust Fund. He understood that Hemyock had recently received funds through this scheme which he believes provides communities with funding for affordable housing projects and wondered if this was something NP should look at. Action of Dan to make further enquiries on the scheme and report back.

6. Andie Miles and Peter Murphy were co-opted onto the SG and all relevant declarations of interest and copies of the TOF will be forwarded for them to read and sign. They were invited to remain at the meeting.

7. Discussion re analysis of questionnaires. Tim Salt explained how the process of analysis of the questionnaires worked and asked for volunteers to help with analysis of the quantitative data. He gave an overview of the process to read, analyse and record the data and members of the SG took packs of questionnaires, complete with guidance, away to analyse.

8 DAH will work with Graham and Jeremy and possibly Peter Murphy on the retailer & hotelier surveys. It is hoped to start work on this shortly and finalise it after receiving the initial findings from the first questionnaire.

9. There will be a short meeting of as many members of the SG who are available on August 1st 2016 at 7pm in order to receive the initial findings and analysis. It was proposed that this meeting be only an hour in duration and it will be the last meeting before the summer break.

11. Next full meeting Tuesday 6th September 2016 Venue TBC