

Weston & Basford Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Group Meeting 22nd May 2015

Present: Trevor Gill (TG), John Chambers (JCh), John Densem (JD), Don Fanstone (DF), John Cornell (JC)

- Cheshire East had now confirmed the designation of the Neighbourhood Plan to cover the whole of the boundary of the Parish of Weston & Basford.
- DF produced a draft Project Timetable covering the initial stages of the Plan through to the autumn. This aimed to have the explanatory leaflet distributed in June and the questionnaire to follow in July.
- FINANCE: we now have £670.00 in the Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan a/c (includes two tombola contributions – thanks to DF) to start the process off. Following the meeting DF and JC have submitted the initial statement to Locality. This has been acknowledged and we now have 30 days in which to refine and submit the formal bid. DF/JD to work on refining this. JC to contact Tom Evans for a further meeting to also submit our bid for Cheshire East Funds. We estimate we will need in the region of £10,500.00 by way of grant aid between now and October. Andrew Thomson to advise further.
- JC authorised to finalise and get printed 1200 copies of the Explanatory Leaflet – to be ready for distribution mid-June.
- Questions relating to traffic/infrastructure/Housing and environment were discussed. Agreed that questionnaire could include secondary questions which could form appendix to Neighbourhood Plan relating to such matters as improved enforcement, need for PCSO etc.... DF and JCh to refine and list draft questions for discussion with Andrew Thomson. Gap to be left for Wychwood Village questions to be inserted on Golf Course and Countryside Park.
- JC indicated an urgent need to sort out a Consultant to produce an evidence base on local housing need. This would be in addition to project management from Andrew Thomson. JC to follow up.
- Agreed we now had sufficient work to put on the table for meaningful discussion with Andrew Thomson. JC to arrange.
- Subsequent to meeting press release to be prepared for Crewe Chronicle (DF/JC)
- Holiday dates: JC – 27/6 to 5/7; 29/8 to 14/9; 14/10 to 6/11. JD – holiday August? JCh – 6/6 to 13/6; 11/9 to 18/9; 5/12 to 23/12. TG – 23/5 to 30/6; mid-August 1 week. DF?