

## SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Report to Seend Parish Council & Village at the AGM 08/05/2018

The year commenced with a consultation evening on the launch of the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the Visions, Objectives & Policies. The evening was very well attended and a lot of concern was expressed on housing numbers and the sites for housing. Following on from this event the group were disappointed at the lack of response from the community. The group did get feedback from a few parishioners who were concerned about the readability of the document we had produced and so with the engagement of the consultants we hope to produce a clearer and more readable document.

We lost of some long standing group members, Steve Vaux, Tony Murch & Sue McCulloch and I would like to thank all of them for their in the progression of the neighbourhood plan. I can also report we had two new members join us at the start of the year Darren Nichols & Peter Newsom. The group currently stands at 9 members. We are still looking for a volunteer to take the minutes.

In August the group committed to employing a consultant to support the group going forward. After meetings and quotes we decided on Place Studio Ltd who are based in Bristol.

We have received an initial grant for work that was completed between January & March. This consisted mainly of the consultants Place Studio assessing the work done to date. They then produced a report on the next steps forward. We are currently working on a Local Green Space consultation as seen in Spotlight.

We are currently working on Community Assets & consulting on Local Green Space as advertised in the Spotlight.

We have just received today green silicone wristbands which will be a promotional aid to hand out to children at events we attend.

I would like to emphasise the need for community engagement in this project to help face any challenges that may lie ahead.

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