



Minutes of a meeting of CNPSG held on Wednesday 10th May 2023, via Zoom

Present: Pat Lunt (PL), Mike Best (MB), Diane Butler (DB).

In attendance: Katharine Sheehan (KS) (Town Clerk).

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mike Best, Gail Coleshill and Cllr. Paul Maxwell.

2. Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2023 and matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were AGREED without change.

4. To report back from evidence gathering

DB reported that she had collated evidence about open spaces, flood plains, footpaths, bridleways, plant surveys and SSSI data, and would continue to add to this. She also noted that the new Somerset Council website was difficult to navigate. The possibility of looking into a nature reserve at Kithill was something no evidence currently exists for.

PL had found a biodiversity strategy dated 2018.

Members of the Steering Group were encouraged to keep gathering evidence over the key areas and produce brief topic papers. This item would be kept 'live' on the agenda going forward.

5. To confirm draft Aims and Objectives ready for publication

Members of the group felt that generally speaking the draft Aims and Objectives document was a fair representation of the issues raised in the consultation. In places it was felt that the wording of a few could be tightened up. The draft Aims and Objectives were agreed as ready for publication.

It was noted that consideration should be given to consulting the previously under-represented groups such as young people and the business community to ensure a balanced response was obtained.

6. To determine consultation format

It was agreed to:

- prepare a hard copy A4 summary of the As & Os to be delivered to every house, noting that the full proposals are available on website, in the LIC and Library.



- PL would prepare, and KS to put into print format, and KS to organise delivery for w/c 5th June, with replies required by ?
- Drop in sessions would be organised for 25th and 26th June where a red/green sticker and post it exercise would be carried out.
- Open ended comment box on website for people to submit more detailed responses.

KS noted that there was still no confirmation from Locality regarding the extension of funding, for now costs could be met from the CTC earmarked reserve.

7. Items for next meeting

Analysis of responses from consultation.

8. Date of next meeting

Likely to be in July as responses from Aims and Objectives consultation would be required for analysis.