

LCN 18 –note to stakeholders.

Dear all

Just a brief note to thank you for participating in the Chard and Blackdown LCN18 meetings and to encourage you to help us find more members from the LCN area to engage with us.

At our last meeting on 13th March at Corfe Village Hall we discussed the progress of our two Working Groups – Roads and Transport under the leadership of Andy Grant (Hatch Beauchamp PC) and Environment and Conservation under Mark Palmer (Neroche PC). It was a lively and productive discussion, and the working groups are now focused on refining the many ideas and suggestions into realistic objectives with attainable outcomes, together with a pragmatic assessment of the resources needed and a delivery timescale to match.

Both working groups would welcome more members from your own parish or organisation joining them to ensure we can genuinely deliver on projects beneficial to the community. If you could publicise the work of the LCN and encourage councilors, members of your parish, or indeed others, to join the groups it would be extremely helpful. We are making steady progress but need more engagement.

Our next LCN18 meeting is on the 1st May at Chard Guildhall when we will be hearing from a couple of organisations from the Health and Wellbeing sector and discussing whether there is scope to form a third, Health and Wellbeing Working Group, that might, amongst other things, cover rural isolation, medical services, deprivation etc. We will also be looking at how LCNs can integrate with the planners in relation to District and Neighborhood Plans as well as Parish and local Emergency Plans.

We are a very geographically widespread and diverse LCN in both age and occupation, consequently the need to publicise what we are about is critical to us being able to deliver genuine change. If you can, please get the message out amongst your parish and community that our meetings are open to all and that we welcome participation from anyone who has the commitment to become involved in helping to improve their local community.

Many thanks for hearing me out

Best wishes

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