

## **BLEWBURY NDP STEERING GROUP**

### **Notes of a meeting held on 9 January 2014, to discuss the format of the proposed NDP Launch on Saturday 8 March**

Present: Vanessa Fox, Joe Goyder, Angela Hoy, Pat Mattimore, Alex Musson

The objective was to discuss the format, concentrating on three areas: what would happen, what food and drink would be offered, and how we would advertise the event. We aim for something upbeat and entertaining, but a serious event setting a vision for the future of Blewbury.

#### **What will happen?**

In the afternoon (2-4 pm) there is an exhibition in the VH, setting out what the NDP aims to achieve, and why it is necessary. This is mainly for people unable to come in the evening. People are invited to write post-it notes to put on boards / write on white boards or flip charts around the Hall under three headings: What do you like about Blewbury? What do you want to improve? What do you want from the NDP?

People arrive at 7.30, and are given tickets for one free drink and food, and are invited to sit at one of several big tables, each with a 'facilitator' from the NDP team, with approx. 10 per table.

They do a short written multi-choice quiz (Elphin and Ron Freeborn have agreed to help), about Blewbury, 'The Knowledge', for which there is a prize (bottle of fizz...?). Quiz sheets passed to neighbouring table to mark. They then collect food (see below) and go back to their table to listen to a series of short talks, from Dermot (set out background, purpose and process for Blewbury NDP), from Richard Webber (Drayton)/Geoff Botting (Woodcote) (describe their experience and especially to give credibility with anecdotes about what they have achieved re planning influence), and from Anton Nath (to reinforce credibility point with wider examples of how planners are taking account of NDPs).

There is then a say 20 minute discussion on each table (structure/agenda needed to make this productive). Facilitators for each table communicate table's views either verbally or on flip charts before the discussion is opened up throughout the room chaired by one of the panel (Dermot?). [Rope in Audrey and Robert Long, Ron Freeborn, Mike Edmunds – etc.]

Output of meeting to include:

- Notes of views and ideas arising to help inform subsequent committee actions and preparation of village questionnaire
- Further volunteers to help with NDP
- Write up in Bulletin
- Other?

#### **Refreshment**

Tea and biscuits will be available in the afternoon.

In the evening there will be a free first drink (ticket from the entrance to be shown), and a cash bar. Wine and beer required. The meal (free) will be modest and frugal, and we decided on baked potatoes with a variety of fillings – cheese, chilli, curry etc, cooked by volunteers who will need to be reimbursed for expenses

A licence will be needed.

### **Advertising**

A leaflet first, loosely based on Anton's but more 'Blewbury', to be inserted in the next Bulletin. (Deadline 27 January) Joe & Alex to work on this, Elphin Lloyd-Jones has agreed to help with some cartoons, showing ridiculously-worst-case scenario of what *could* happen in Blewbury.

Cartoons used in Bulletin and on posters round the Village (Sustainable Blewbury has a laminator).

Posters for The Day. Exhibition boards (Sustainable Blewbury?) and suggestion boards to be prepared.