

Draft minutes for meeting of the Drayton 2020 Sustainability Group 16 January 2012

Present: Matthew Lowy, David Mercer, Chris Bone, Diane Dunsdon, John Scott, Richard Webber, Daniel Scharf

1. Apologies: Paul Mayhew Archer
2. Declarations of interest: Daniel as member of Campaign Against Climate Change
3. Minutes of last meeting 5 December 2012 - Agreed
4. Report back from Steering Group (Chris, David, John) Attendance by VWHDC officer valuable, contribution from Anton/Tom positive, agreed that Drayton 2020 would start discussions with landowners, Janet Manning nominated the Chair housing group, request to attend a School Governors' meeting to understand their plans.

Action:

- (i) that Chris and David would share responsibility to represent the Sustainability Group on the Housing Group.
- (ii) that David Perrow be requested to ask Anton to arrange the Sustainability Appraisal workshop.

Daniel reported that the POC has a standing item on the NDP. That the January meeting decided on a date for a meeting with the neighbouring parishes and to meet EoP (date to be arranged).

5. Discussion of the Sustainability Vision prepared by Chris and contributions of others. This was agreed in a form that could be used as the basis of an introduction of a sustainability chapter and to inform other chapters/working groups. It would be sent to David Perrow to be included in the briefing for Anton in developing a consultation strategy. The reference to carbon neutrality (zero as opposed to ten tonnes of carbon per capita?) might not be easy to convey and understand. Replaced by 'substantial reductions in carbon' to align with NPPF. Suggestion of buying groups for solar, water storage (as per Matthew's work on water) and composting.

Action:

- (i) Chris to send final version to David Perrow (and John Scott) to be forwarded to Anton for issues and options consultation

6. Initial thoughts on drafts of policies on:
 - countryside
 - employment
 - transport

The sustainability group had assumed responsibility for looking at the countryside and David Mercer has carried out some (photographic) survey and the potential for recreation to the east of the village (some land in Sutton Courtenay Parish) was discussed. Daniel set out his views on the importance of policies relating to local food; production, processing and sales. There is reference to smallholdings in draft housing policy HN4, now added to the sustainability vision and explained further in the work/employment and countryside papers. There was a discussion about the LEP and whether this could benefit Drayton. It was agreed that 'sustainability' should inform all other aspects of the NDP particularly as consistency with the NPPF is a 'basic condition' of progress to independent inspection and possible referendum. It was pointed out that possible differences with the VWHDC in respect of 'sustainability' would have to be dealt with were they to arise.

Action:

- (i) The countryside paper to be sent to David Perrow to be made available to Anton for preparation of issues and options consultation. The contents of the employment paper (with David Mercer's comments) could go to Anton via David Perrow but will first be considered by Work and Play

7.AOB Youth council was discussed as a means of engaging with the younger elements in the village. Rachel Mercer has expressed an interest.

Action: Daniel to put Rachel in touch with Gina (formerly youth zone) and Gary Hibbins

8. It was decided to arrange the next meeting to discuss Anton's proposals for consultation on issues and options based on the work of the working groups. The Wheatsheaf is the proposed venue (for 6 February – booked by Daniel – but could change due to schedule for meeting with Anton and members' availability).