



Dalston Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Group Meeting

Number 8

2pm 29th April 2014 @ Forge Green

Present:

Cllr. Chris Drouet (DPC)[CD]; Ian Turnbull[IT]; Cllr Pauline Dalton (DPC)[PD]; David Wilcock[DW]; Jill Faux[JF]; Zoe Sutton (CCC)[ZS]; Cllr. Ann Byers(DPC)[AB]; Tony Furness[TF]

Minutes

PD welcomed Garry Legg, Policy & Investment Manager CCC, who accompanied ZS as a visitor.

1. Apologies.

Richard Woods (CCC)[RW]; Cllr. Ronnie Auld (DPC Chairman)[RA]; Judith Wilson [JW]; Cllr. Bryan Craig (DPC Vice Chairman) [BC]; Liz Auld[LA] (Arrived towards the end of the meeting)

2. Discuss matters arising from previous minutes

7.3 Youth Consultation Report deferred to next meeting. See below.

7.4 DNP Documents tabled. See AOB below.

DNP Environment Entry (Redraft 1700314). Consideration of woodlands to be incorporated. Also views on Cardewmires Quarry.

Action: To be considered by DW and LA and put on next meeting agenda (CD)

Views and vistas to be considered in the “evidence base”. No views from members received so to be put on the next agenda.

Action: ALL to send in comments before the next meeting. Put on next agenda(CD)



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7.5 & 7.7 Questions for the “Dalston Visions” questionnaire.

To make a start, the group used the comments from ZS referring to the “Ecology” questions from DW. These questions were then used as a basis to formulate the questions below.

After some discussion concerning the purpose and length of the questionnaire a draft version of some questions were agreed. These cover other areas of the DV document so should not be considered on their own but in the context of the whole questionnaire.

It was agreed the aim of the DV questionnaire is to draw out what issues are important to the majority of the residents in the Parish without leading them for answers.

The issues come from the launch questionnaire, the drop in visits around the Parish, the stand at The Dalston Show, and issues raised by evidential reports presented to the DNP Steering Group.

NB what follows is not how the questionnaire will be laid out but just a demonstration of the general idea. Question numbers have been change and it is proposed to have an A3 fold out map.

1. Do you consider that parish life is enhanced by maintaining as high a diversity of plant, insect and animal life as possible? **Yes/No**

Comments please.

- Do you consider footpaths to be an important recreational / environmental resource in the parish? **Yes/No**

2. Please comment on any barriers that deter your use of footpaths in the parish.

Comments please

3. What elements within the parish contribute most to its distinctive character?

Please tick all that apply

Building Materials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Green space	<input type="checkbox"/>



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5. In principle where do you think future development should occur?

Please tick all that apply

Infill Sites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brownfield Sites	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fringe Developments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open Countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. The parish has many old buildings which are part of its social and economic history: Rose Castle; St. Patrick's church; the old grammar school; the cotton mill in Dalston; the 'chapels of ease' in Cumdivock, Gaitskill, and Raughton Head, for example. Do you agree that a public information board about the parish's history might be erected in Dalston, drawing residents' and visitor attention to this history? **(Yes or No?)**

7. Are there any important buildings in the parish you would want to draw attention to in this way? **Please list below.**



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8. The River Caldew and its tributaries is an important element of the landscape running through the parish. Is the river important in affecting your view of the parish as a place to live? **Yes/No**
9. What aspects of the river are important to you? **Please list below.**

Flooding has become an important issue throughout the country.

10. Do any aspects of flooding in your part of the parish concern you? **Yes/No**
11. What action would you like to see taken to minimize flooding in the future? **Please list below.**



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3. Business Survey – Discuss progress

There was a brief discussion about the survey. PD, AB & CD said it is progressing well but more volunteers were needed to complete the business section. CD raised the issue of farming businesses and how we might enlist the help of the Young Farmers organisation.

Action: CD to contact a representative of YF.

There was a further discussion about the “Dalston Visions” survey that hopefully would take place later in the year. CD described how the distribution logistics of this will build on the back of the Business Survey, which in effect is a pilot for the larger consultation survey. More volunteers will be needed but the distribution and collection should be less onerous and “lessons learnt” are currently being considered. “DV” questions are to be considered and this was covered in matters arising above.

4. Youth Consultation Report.

As BC was unable to attend this meeting and the report from him is crucial for this element to continue, it was decided to defer this item to the next meeting.

Action: CD Add to next agenda.

5. Discussion of DNP documents tabled.

At the last meeting it was suggested that evidence from organisations in the Parish should be provided on headed stationary and the author/contact, (and their position in the organisation) should be named.

As a result, AB has re-contacted those she had previously spoken to and tabled their evidence as required. These were; Dalston Methodist Church and St. Michael’s C of E Primary School Governors. Both of these were accepted by the group to be admitted to the “Evidence Base”.

PD suggested that the question(s) asked of these groups should also be attached to the response sheets.

Action: AB Continue to formalise the evidence from these groups.

A discussion followed concerning other groups contacted. There is not a Roman Catholic Church in Dalston but some followers of this faith. It was decided that, if



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possible a representative of this group be contacted for their views but unless we are assured that they do represent this group as a whole their evidence cannot be admitted.

Action: AB To follow this up and resolve the issue one way or the other.

6. AOB.

- a) In discussing the “Description of the Parish”, IT wished to know how much of this historical information was required. The general consensus was that the current version was too long but did include quite a quantity of interesting and useful background information for this element of the NP “Evidence Base”. The background history parts of the original “Dalston Parish Plan 2001-2015” and “Dalston Design Statement 2005”, whilst being concise, left out most of the interesting detail within the “Description of the Parish” document.

The overall opinion was that IT & OR should attempt to write a document of approximately two sides of A4 including as much as possible of the original version.

Action: IT & OR to continue to develop this document.

- b) Part of the Youth Report was to involve a new venture provided by The Brathay Trust and it was considered by the group it would be useful if a representative of this organisation came to a meeting to give their opinions about Youth Consultation.

Action: ZS to contact their representative.

- c) It was asked if some form of confirmation of receipt of documents could be used as some members of the group felt they might not be receiving everything that was circulated.

Obviously this is problematic as members do not know they haven't received a document intended for them! CD suggested he could ask each recipient to send an e-mail back saying they had received a particular e-mail which had documents attached. He would then attempt to confirm that he had replies from each of the intended recipients. However, he did say this would add a considerable overhead to his currently busy workload so he would trial it but couldn't guarantee success as of course if, as usual people do not reply to the e-mails anyway, he could waste a lot of time finding out they had received the documents in question but just hadn't replied to say so! Let's give it a try!



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Action: CD

- d) PD asked if the next meeting could focus on Health & Well-being as a report for the “NP Evidence Base”.

Action: CD to add to the agenda for the next meeting

7. Date of the next meeting.

As so many of members of the group were absent it was decided that a meeting invitation with a range of date options (2nd to 13th June) would be circulated so that more would be likely to attend.

Gary Legg suggested that there was an app. Doodle that could achieve this. CD said he would investigate this.

Action: CD

The meeting closed at 16.15

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Next Meeting 12th June 2014 @ 14.00, Forge Green