


## NP Meeting 13.02.2020

**Present:** Phil, Jimmy, Suzi, Sally, Maggie, Alison, Alan, Richard

**Apols:** Trevor, Amanda, David, Ian C, Kevin

- Phil explained about our recent hiatus and that we now feel it's the time to get back on track, get the message out to the village that we are up and running again, work towards getting our Questionnaires ready.
- Suzi explained her meeting with staff at the Primary School, the ethos of the work the children will undertake relating to 'What I  about Walsham' and how this will provide links with the rest of the community. This would be undertaken by the whole school once SATs have been completed. The findings could inform a whole school project to be undertaken in the autumn term.
- We looked at some other questionnaires and discussed some categories/themed areas. We should use/utilize the information we have already got to build up impetus within those areas.
- What might work for core areas? Suggestions were –  
Green Areas, Trees & Wildlife, Footpaths & Connectivity  
Youth & Schools (Mag note: what about provision for adults and oldies like me?)  
Business, Commerce, Employment, Transport Networks  
Art, Culture, History, Music, Events  
Farming, Food Production & Orchards  
Housing Needs & Supply (historical and present)
- Suzi outlined a possible timetable of work to tackle. She has approached a number of organizations including Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Discussion around wildlife corridors, tree canopies, threatened/protected species. The idea was put forward of trying to organize a Walsham Watch where households could record animals, birds, flora etc and their habitats .. this could show up ecological corridors, areas we would need to highlight under protected habitats.
- There would be a need for funding research to be carried out for areas it was felt the village may not have expertise in. Maggie reported she had

alerted Jessica Fleming, County Councillor, to the fact that we would hopefully be able to access funding via her Locality Budget 2020 – 21.

- **Action Points put forward by Phil:**

6 broad areas already highlighted

We could start with Trees, Wildlife & Green Spaces

Next meeting to appraise the group of our revised intentions and get people to sign up for the areas that interest them.

Make contact with all original members to try to reinvigorate their interest.

Build questions for a village wide questionnaire ready for September.

Talk with Ian Toulson regarding use of The Observer for information, topics, etc.

- **Date next meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, Priory Room is it 7:00 or 7:30 folks?**