



Newsletter from the Kelbrook and Sough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

October 2019

This is the third newsletter that has been distributed by the Kelbrook and Sough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. It is intended to provide an update on the progress of the plan and to invite you to get involved.

Survey of Residents

Many thanks to everyone who completed the surveys. We had a wonderful 49% return of the surveys which is fantastic and we had three winners of the prizes.

The £50 prize went to a resident on Waterloo Road, the meal for two at the Old Stone Trough went to a resident on Dotcliffe Road and the fish and chips for 4 went to a resident on Colne Road.

We have started the analysis of the surveys and the data and comments can be seen on the website, <http://www.kelbrookandsoughparishcouncil.uk/> under the Neighbourhood Plan/Survey options.

On the surveys, we invited you to indicate if you would like to be involved in further work on different aspects of the plan. We had a large response to this and will be inviting all those who indicated they are interested to an Open Evening on Monday, 18th November at 6.45pm in the Village Hall. At that meeting, we will provide an overview before asking residents to provide ideas and indicate how they might be able to help with the Plan.

Photography Competition

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend we took advantage of the Kelbrook Art Exhibition in the Village Hall and displayed 18 photographs that had been submitted for the Photography Competition. Everyone who came to the Village Hall had the opportunity to pick the three photographs they liked the best. At the end of the weekend, we added up the 1st choice votes and also the 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice votes to find the 3 most popular photographs.

Thanks to those who entered photos, it gives us the opportunity to have a wider variety of photographs for use in the plan.

Help with Recording Wildlife and Plants

We would still like everyone in the Parish to record sightings of wildlife including birds and rare native plants. To do this, you need to create an account at <https://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/> and this will lead you through the process. There is also an app that you can download. Alternatively, you can send the details of sightings to Garry Wilson or Debbie Richardson (details at the end of the newsletter). We need the date, species, male or female (if you know) and location of the sighting. Photos are also helpful. Once recorded through irecord, the information is loaded into a wildlife atlas, NBNAtlas that we can use to create a view of the wildlife in the Parish

Progress to date

Following the survey of all residents, we have been conducting surveys of the businesses in Kelbrook and Sough to provide additional information for the plan.

No decision has been made on the number of houses that we need within Kelbrook and Sough Parish over the next 10 years. However, one of the tasks we are obliged to undertake is to score the potential sites that have been identified in the Pendle Development Plan. We have started to score these potential development sites based on the scoring criteria provided by Pendle Council. This is a detailed process with a large number of scores. Once completed, this will give us a view of the most suitable sites even though we may not need to build many houses.

Next Steps

We are now developing the policies required for Kelbrook and Sough and we will be starting on the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan

When is the Plan being developed?

Work will be undertaken throughout 2019 to prepare the Plan. Once it has been prepared, it will be made available throughout Pendle for consultation and then it will be formally examined. Once the Inspector has approved the Plan, there will be a referendum in the Parish for all residents to approve the plan. As we progress, we will provide dates when these activities will take place.

Communications

This newsletter is part of the Communications strategy to reach as many people in the Parish as possible and further newsletters will be sent out over the next few months. We will be updating the Parish website <http://www.kelbrookandsoughparishcouncil.uk/>, to provide more information as well as having a Facebook group, Kelbrook and Sough Neighbourhood Plan.

If you would like more frequent updates, please email kelbrook.consulting@gmail.com to ask to be added to the email list. By sending us your name and email, you are consenting for us to use the email to inform you about the Kelbrook and Sough Neighbourhood Plan. We will not use your email for any other purpose.

If you have any questions about the plan or this newsletter, please contact Debbie Richardson (Chair of Steering Group) at kelbrook.consulting@gmail.com tel: 01282 843004 or Garry Wilson (vice-chair of Steering Group and Parish Council member) garryandaudreywilson@gmail.com, tel: 01282 842554