



Newsletter from the Kelbrook and Sough Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

February 2019

A few months ago, everyone in the Parish received a notice about the Parish Neighbourhood Plan inviting us to a meeting about the Plan and asking if we wanted to join the Steering Group. A few of us attended the meeting and we have started work on the plan. In case you missed it, we thought we would explain a little more

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood planning was introduced by the Localism Act in 2011. The idea behind localism is that decision-making be passed to a more local level, from national or local government to local communities. Parish and town councils or neighbourhood forums (in unparished areas) can produce neighbourhood plans for their local areas, putting in place a strategy and policies for the future development of the area. (Taken from neighbourhoodplanning.org – Neighbourhood Plans Roadmap)

Why are Kelbrook and Sough preparing one?

Because – it gives an opportunity to provide a Kelbrook and Sough context to inform the Pendle Planning decisions

Because – we are a village that wants to ensure the village resources and amenities are maintained

Because – we want our children and our children's children to enjoy the village that we enjoy today

Because – we want to protect what our community values most about our Parish

Because – we want a say in any new housing and what it looks like

Who is preparing the plan?

The plan is being prepared under the auspices of the Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council who have set up a Steering Group of residents who are willing to do the work required to prepare the plan.

How is the Plan being developed?

The Steering Group have identified a number of themes to research and gain evidence for the Plan (see below). However, all residents will be consulted regularly and additional input is welcome at all stages. The Steering Group will be preparing a survey for everyone in the Parish and we would encourage you to participate when it is available.

If you have skills that you think would be helpful to the Plan, please let us know. You do not need to be on the Steering Group to help.

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.

Work on the Plan

Themes, which may be amended during the process of developing the plan are:

- a) Heritage
 - a. Buildings and their environment (noting listed buildings)
 - b. Conservation areas
- b) Environment
 - a. Flooding and weather
 - b. Wildlife including ancient woodland
 - c. Kelbrook Moor
- c) Enterprise
 - a. Local businesses – impact, growth, new businesses
 - b. Tourism/Leisure
 - c. Farming
- d) Sustainability
 - a. Definition
 - b. Transport
 - c. Infrastructure – electricity/broadband/gas/water/sewage
 - d. Education
 - e. Green Spaces
 - f. Other local facilities
- e) Housing site assessments

Progress to Date

The Steering Group are investigating and researching different aspects of these themes and identifying how evidence will be obtained to support the views provided in the plan. The Steering Group meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except for 27th March 2019) at 7pm in the Village Hall annexe to progress the plan.

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.

During March and April, the Steering Group will be preparing a Survey for all residents in the Parish as well as businesses that are based in the Parish. Once prepared, it will be distributed to everyone and will also be available online. We are currently planning to have consultations in the Village Hall when it will be possible to complete the survey as well.

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