Coffee and Conversation event
Wed 22 February 2023
Town Hall
Chairman's Report

The consultation event around the vision, aims and objectives of the Neighbourhood Development Plan was well-attended with more than 80 members of the community taking part. This was the largest public turnout for any of the steering group public meetings so far. There was also significant feedback and conversation across our social media posts in advance of the meeting which reflects the general interest within Tavistock on the topic (see social media posts data attached.)

On the evening, the vision aims and objectives were displayed centrally along with information about the process of neighbourhood planning, our progress and what can be achieved through a neighbourhood plan. Each topic then had a table with the vision aims and objectives that related to that topic.

In all locations, red and green dot stickers as well as post it notes were offered to the community to give direct feedback on the posters or regarding what particular aspect of the plan that they wanted to comment. These were used widely resulting in particularly useful feedback for the group. Each topic lead will present their own report regarding the feedback that they received.

We also welcomed the West Country Rivers Trust with their Augmented Reality sand box which allowed the community to learn about the Tiddybrook river project to control flooding that the trust is involved with and offered Tavistock residents the chance to get involved with the Citizens Science initiative that is being conducted on our river cachments leading to the Tamar. Their feedback was it was one of the most successful community events they had attended.

It was particularly noted that there were a large group of young people in attendance who wanted to express their support for a skatepark as part of the community portion of the plan. Following the event, the topic lead and two other committee members including the chair met with Alexis Huggins from WDBC regarding including an open-Space-Sport-and-Recreation-Projects plan which would be completed as part of the NDP.

Two members of the community expressed an interest in attending steering group meetings and possibly offering their assistance one with finance and the other an architect.

The steering group meeting scheduled for the 8th of March has been moved to **Monday March 13th at 6pm in the council chamber** and will consist of turning the newly amended vision aims and objectives into policy intent language.

The Steering Group extends its thanks to the Town Council employees for their assistance in helping to achieve such a successful public meeting, in particular we extend our gratitude to the staff in the office and to the Town Hall manager.

Social Media post data

Post	Post reach	Engagement	
Hope you can make it tomorrow! Plenty of tea, coffee and chocolate biscuits to enjoy while speaking with the steering group about the vision for Tavistock for the next ten years. Don't miss... Tues, 21 Feb	210	12	Boost post
Let's check your knowledge of Tavistock's historic properties: Can you identify which of the following buildings are nationally listed, locally listed, or not listed? If you want to protect historic... Sun, 19 Feb	3,314	584	Boost post
Really good turnout and feedback from Tavistock and District Chamber of Commerce morning breakfast today about planning for the future of Tavistock. If you'd like your own opportunity to... Thurs, 16 Feb	2,559	154	Boost post
#Tavistock #HaveYourSay #Tavistockplan Would you like to help create local solutions to the impacts of climate change? Are you living in the Whitchurch area of Tavistock? Join us for Coffee and... Sun, 5 Feb	907	74	Boost again
-- Thurs, 2 Feb	80	19	Boost Unavailable
We had some great discussions with young people in Tavistock last year. One thing that came up was improving/replacing the skate park or creating a basketball court where there is currently... Mon, 30 Jan	4,496	667	Boost post