Community Led Plans (CLPs)

Why do a CLP?

- To foster community spirit by developing a vision for the community
- Identify and evaluate current and future needs
- To make the most of community assets
- Protect the community's heritage
- Find out what facilities residents want
- As a guide for effectively managing change within the community
- To Increase the success of funding applications for community projects
- Influence and inform others on the community's needs
- Provide clear evidence of community needs and priorities
- Develop increased voluntary action
- To highlight projects wanted by the community which need involvement from other agencies

The Process

Raise awareness → Find volunteers → Set up a steering group

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Analyse results ← Consult the community ← Produce a project plan

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Form focus groups based on key issues → Liaise with appropriate agencies and/or authorities → Identify possible solutions and/or goals

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Produce final plan and publicise ← Consult with community and partner organisations ← Draft the plan

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Set up a regular review and update framework → Start working on the solutions identified → Monitor and review the plan

What is a CLP?

A CLP is produced by and for a community based on detailed consultation, involving the whole community, which prompts action and influences others.

Who carries out the CLP?

Instigated or endorsed by the parish/town council, the CLP is carried out by volunteers from the community.

Examples of CLP outcomes from other communities:

- Local bus service re-routed to be more beneficial to the community
- Increased number of social events held in the community
- New website developed and regularly updated
- Village noticeboards around village, updated more frequently
- Community New Year's Day walk arranged
- History group established – to carry out research, give talks, create a community archive (photos and memories)
- 6-monthly volunteer litter clean up organised
- Toddlers group established
- Keep fit classes started up

Useful links

- http://www.acre.org.uk/our-work/community-led-planning/Resources/Community+Led+PlaPlanP+Toolkit
- http://towns.org.uk/planning-policy/community-led-planning/
- http://www.tenburytown.org.uk/cocommuni-plan.html