Minutes of Steering Committee No 45, Thursday 11th July 2024,

At The village Centre, Victoria Street, Englefield Green, 6.30pm to 8.45pm

Present: Mike Kelly (Chair), Terry Barnett, Alan Sloan, Fred West, Melanie Frobisher, Albert Jamieson, Erik Juul-Mortensen

- 1) Apologies for Absence; Debi Hallett
- 2) Approval of Minutes of Meeting No 44; Approved subject to a minor accuracy change (44 v1 to be re-issued)
- 3) Declaration of personal interest in topics to be discussed; none.
- **4) Date of AGM;** Now fixed as 29th August (a Thursday) at 6.30pm. Mike to issue notice of AGM to members.
- 5) Accounts; No movement last month.
- 6) **EG Community Projects CIC**; Bank account now opened. Mike has tried to apply for funding but the link was incorrect. Awaiting Marisa Heath to correct it and then will apply.
- 7) **Sourcing of Funds:** Alan has identified and scheduled out a number of Organisations that provide either Project funding or materials (eg Trees).
- 8) Website, Facebook etc. Melanie has consolidated the membership list, but the numbers don't add up with possibly 100 still missing. Melanie to talk to Rob and try and sort it out.

Melanie did not receive the details of the bank account so has not moved the web site forward. Fred will send the details to her.

Melanie investigating what has happened (if anything) to the e mail address, if Rob is still forwarding e mails and how to extract it from him.

A Facebook page will be started by Melanie, once the web page is running.

- 9) Projects arising from the Neighbourhood Plan
- a) Parking; Due to personal commitments, Albert will from now on restrict his activities to pursuing the parking review. Report attached.
- b) Speed Limits, A30, Liveable neighbourhoods, National Cycling route 4; Mike to follow up Albert and Trevor's meeting with the SCC highways team. Report of meeting with CEO of SusTrans attached. Alan will take over speed limits and one way systems.
- c) Bond Street hedging and trees; Very positive meeting with Elliott Street Tree Planting and Strategy Manager . Report of meeting attached.
- d) Forest Estate Garden Project. Still on back burner, but the Labour Councillors in a brief exchange (Mike/ Abby) appear not to have dismissed it but to have considered it too difficult financially for now.
- e) Central Area remodelling and signage. RBC has agreed a meeting at senior level on the 22nd July to discuss (b) above but in particular the Transport Hub and how to progress it. Mike to do presentation and Alan to attend via video link. Mike to pursue Marisa Heath for an application for funding.
- f) The meeting with Nick Day took place on the 11th July. Report attached.

10) Planning;

All potential developments on the Agenda list were reviewed and it was considered there is no further action on any of them for the moment.

11) AOB-

12) Next Meeting- 15th August 2024, Possibly Mikes House if weather good.