

Notes of feedback, suggestions and ideas collated at the breakout sessions of SW LAC Public Meeting

22nd February – Tapton Hall

Community Plan Themes



The comments, ideas and suggestions provided at the engagement sessions held at the SW LAC Public Meeting 22nd February 2024 are listed below.

Please note, the SW LAC will work through the suggestions and look at what we can do on a local community level. Where relevant, we will raise larger items with the wider services.

Transport & Highways Theme

Ideas & suggestions:

- Explore a Community Phone Watch Project (drivers using their mobiles).
- Expand the Community Speed Watch – recruit more volunteers in Crookes and Crosspool and Fulwood and consider purchasing more speed guns.
- Parking around schools remains a big problem – park safe is a great scheme.
- Have a cycle lane on Ringinglow Rd between Bents Green and the Norfolk Arms.
- Engage more with adults – could have a network of responsible drivers.
- Introduce an App for people to discuss Transport issues.
- Community Speed Watch – not in favour of this. It needs to be the authorities who enforce and not residents.
- Something needs to be done around the state of the road surfaces.
- More enforcement of parking.
- Need to look at what can be done to tackle congestion around schools.
- Smartwatches for school pupils – to encourage walking to school.
- Explore safer routes for children to walk to school – dropped kerbs etc.
- More publicity around the Community Speed Watch – i.e. share where the sites are.
- Promote Active Travel with schools – encourage pupils to walk.
- Better enforcement of double yellows outside schools – the process needs to be improved.
- Issue with Taxis parking on the pavement outside Nether Green Junior School.
- Promote Operation Park Safe – we don't know about this.
- Schools should have travel plans – can these be explored?
- Parking permit scheme for Crookes.

Local Environment Theme

a) Fly tipping ideas / suggestions

- Lack of waste refuse sites.
- Overwhelmed bring sites (Clough Road, Sheep Hill Road, etc.).
- Addressing flytipping at its source rather than reactive solutions.
- Consideration of CCTV installation.
- Sanctions and charges for offenders.
- Education and awareness campaigns.
- More awareness for Redmires bring site.
- Improved signage on the streets near to a bring site (so people know that it is there).

b) Recycling and Refuse ideas / suggestions

- Capacity and location of bring sites is an issue.
- Need for more recycling centres.
- Pop-up recycling sites.
- Community bin days.
- Disposal of specific items (flimsy plastics).
- Lack of recycling sites in Crookes.
- Free cycling awareness.
- Bring out your rubbish days.
- Big waste disposal vans that come round the area on a rota- current council call out cost is £80.
- Awareness of recycling sites across the LAC.
- Improve awareness of bring sites.

c) Public Facilities & Spaces ideas / suggestions

- Accessibility of public toilets in public areas.
- Reopening public toilets (Ecclesall Woods, Crookes).
- Utilizing and maintaining community hubs.
- Repurposing old buildings.
- Shepherd Wheel dam rewilding project- been no progress- Allotment committee want to rent land.
- Tree planting for biodiversity and air quality improvement.
- A tap for Lydgate Green.
- Bradway – Ground maintenance to get to the play equipment/access.
- Can we link in with schools and try and get them to educate around pupils littering.
- Need for more wildflower planting on Redmires Rd to encourage insects and bees.

- Shephard Wheel Dam & next to the allotment – what is happening with this site? It was going to be a wildflower meadow.

d) Tree planting ideas / suggestions

- Public liability concerns.
- Understanding legal aspects (Section 142).
- Promote Section 142 for planting on verges outside your home, in schools, community groups and clubs.
- Questions regarding legality of actions.
- How much can residents get away with which Amey will ignore? (E.g. if you scrape top level of soil but don't dig deep).
- No tree planting in Porter Valley – why not?
- Need to plant more trees in parks.
- Specific funds for tree planting for Friends of Groups.

e) Environmental Concerns

- Air quality monitoring and information – promote and improve.
- Biodiversity initiatives – support them.
- Carbon reduction schemes.
- 'Low carbon community and culture project'.
- Changing behaviour on energy and water usage.
- Can LACs fund a thermal imaging camera to see how effectively houses keep in heat? Can then run a scheme to support these houses.
- Can Friends of Groups take on street art offer?

f) Community Engagement and Support

- Establishing communication channels (WhatsApp group for LAC).
- Ground maintenance and support for community projects – easy way for groups to get support.
- Need for signage at busier bring sites to direct to other sites.

g) Infrastructure and Maintenance

- Addressing maintenance issues (e.g. with mowing).
- Support and advice for community initiatives.
- Monitoring and managing public spaces.
- Advice and support around funding streams.
- Consider what happens in Chesterfield for waste.
- Improve the condition of bring sites.
- Awareness of Officer roles and responsibilities.

h) Specific Projects

- Status updates on various sites and projects (Old Fulwood Garage, abandoned spaces in Southwest, etc.).
- Low Carbon Community and Culture Project.
- Behaviour projects on energy and water usage.
- None of the current schemes involve carbon reduction. Could future schemes have this as a focus.

- Litter campaign with schools.
- Engage Youth Service with groups to do environmental projects.
- Inform local businesses around how they can get art on their shutters.

Community & Neighbourhoods Theme

Ideas & suggestions:

- Set up a Men's Group in the Area.
- Help set up a Forum in Fulwood (like the Ecclesall Forum).
- Set up a Community Food shop in SW.
- Set up a Community Cinema, host an event for the area to bring people together (Totley Cric have one!)
- Improve the information & publicity for events happening in the area (Lunch Clubs, exercise sessions, etc.)
- Need to get better access to community transport (more flexible booking system).
- Best Practice – Transport 17. Works well and should be run further into other communities.
- Being open to working across ward boundaries and multiple LACs to fund projects (e.g. St Oswalds Welcoming Space).
- LAC Seed money has facilitated one welcoming space project to get lottery funding which has given them 2 years stability and allowed additional activities to be added to the core programme.
- More welcoming places – can use pubs, churches etc as venues.
- Promote welcome places in GP surgeries and post offices.
- Link in with Social Prescribing workers – would like to see more support for people with dementia across the area.
- Be mindful of new groups that might need help and support with funding etc.
- What support can we give in the community for children with additional needs?
- After school clubs/activities.
- Family health support is needed.
- Health and Wellbeing – how can the LAC support in the prevention sphere?
- Consider whether prevention/health concerns be at the forefront of all decisions re LAC budget allocation and spending?
- Sharing of information and contacts within the area to support new community groups to encourage best practice and collaboration.
- Could there be some encouragement to voluntary organisations that support children with autism/learning disabilities?
- Will the £13K donation to Citizens Advice be repeated?
- Share information on the success of funded projects under the Isolation and Loneliness.
- Trial a Good Neighbour Scheme.
- Improve access to Cllrs. Be more visible, engage more both ways and have surgeries.
- More of the PKW events.
- What was the outcome of the scoping for supporting local businesses?

- Not many people know about the LAC – you need to be more visible. Can you get a shop?
- What is happening to support local businesses to stop them closing?
- Isolation & Loneliness funding seems to be going well but where are events advertised? How do the lonely know about them?
- Share information on how events/applications are monitored.
- Topley District Nurses are being kicked out of their office and moved to Lightwood. What can be done? It is going to cause a problem.
- Transport is an issue for people attending the welcoming places. What can be done?
- Publicity seems to be an issue for events. One website to check would be good.

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