

Selsey Community Plan - Newsletter



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Summary

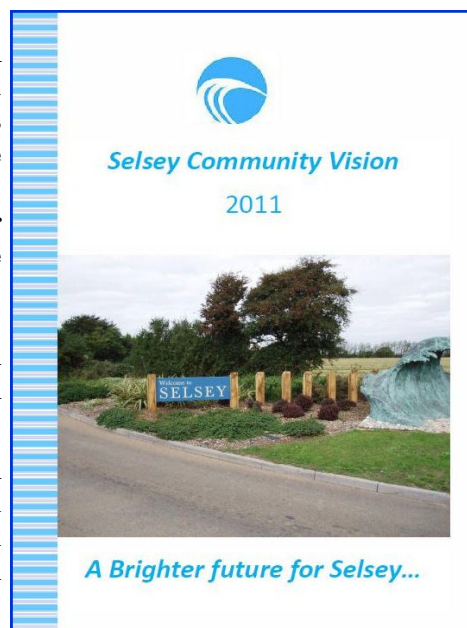
Since July 2009 members of the Selsey Community Plan Steering Group (SCPSG) have been working together with the community to obtain the views, opinions and aspirations of our residents and businesses. We gave people the opportunity to say what they thought about the social, economic and environmental issues that affect our community and have been finding out how people would like to see our community improved. The aim of this group is, through community workshops and consultations, to plan, oversee and ensure the smooth research, compilation and implementation of a Selsey Community Vision and Action Plan.

Formation of the Selsey Community Vision and Action Plan will highlight issues identified with key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be addressed and demonstrate how distinctive characters and features in Selsey can be preserved.

A community plan is a 'road map' for creating community change and improvement over a period of time and the outcome will be the production of an action plan to be taken forward detailing the recommendations to achieve these aspirations. The plan is one that must be driven forward by the community and is not dictated by any Local Authority although both Selsey Town Council and Chichester District Council do support the process and will note the resulting Vision and Action Plan documents when completed.

The exercise started with the group identifying all previous consultations that have taken place in Selsey over the last 10 years (25 in total), we looked in more detail at those carried out since 2006 (13 in total). Members of the group read through all these consultation documents to identify gaps and issues then existing, which ones had since been addressed and those that still need to be actioned. Those still needing action were the starting point for our 'gap analysis'. Survey forms were completed by local residents, visitors and members of our business community. A return of 46.3% of survey forms was achieved.

An analysis of the survey forms, in November 2010, formed the basis of our next public consultation event which was held at Selsey Town Hall in February this year. The purpose of this event was so that the community could come along and choose what they would like to see as their top three priority issues taken forward in a series of Actions Plans. When this was complete we then took the top four priorities, as chosen by the community, to become the issues taken forward into the Action Plan. This Selsey Community Vision document was completed and sent for print. A copy of the document can be viewed on-line at www.selseytowncouncil.gov.uk or a hardcopy of the document can be viewed at Selsey Town Hall - High Street, Selsey Library - School Lane or Mulberry Divers - East Beach shops.



Front Cover of the Selsey Community Vision Document

Community Selected Priorities

The priorities as selected by the community of Selsey are shown below under the 'themed' headings:

- **A Better Place to Live.** Aim - improving elements like our environment, getting around and involving people and strengthening our community.
 1. Sea defence improvements to include accessibility for all to the sea wall, promenade all round, cycle paths and signposting.
 2. Limit Housing Development - no new development without infrastructure improvements, better building control.
 3. Improve visitor attractions and benefits - make more use of sea front, fishing and heritage, consideration of boat haven.
 4. Parking Enforcement
- **Better Health for All.** Aim - Looking to improve on issues such as general health and improvements to cope with the ageing population.
 1. Better health provision - NHS dentist, more doctors and ambulance station.
 2. More local employment opportunities.
 3. More green spaces - to include protection of existing green spaces.
 4. Sports clubs / facilities.
- **Opportunities for All.** Aim - looking for improvements to economic growth, education, skills and tourism.
 1. Cinema / theatre.
 2. Youth facilities to include indoor and outdoor venues.
 3. Fibre Optic / faster Broadband.
 4. Improve transport links - rail / tram to Chichester, more cost effective bus service with better routing round Selsey.
- **Feeling and Staying Safe.** Aim - Dealing with crime and fear of crime, issues of respect and looking for improvements in road safety.
 1. Cycle paths / safe routes - to Chichester and rest of the Manhood.
 2. Improved B2145 and road access, emergency access road, and traffic information.
 3. Improved policing - visibility and hours of cover.
 4. Improved Fire Service coverage.

Next Steps and How You Can Help

We now need people to come forward to join one of the four 'themed' action groups to look at the selected priorities. The groups will need to liaise with community stakeholders i.e. statutory authorities, Fire, Police as well as the local community to create an Action Plan for each theme. When created the 'themed' Action Plans will then form part of the Selsey Community Action Plan document and go to print. The group will then be responsible for taking the actions forward.

If you are interesting in becoming part of the group and want to:-

- Help form / join one of the 'themed' action groups which will be responsible for completing the actions shown above, or
- Join working parties as seen relevant by an action group

then please get in touch on the number or email shown below.

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