

# ST JUST & PENDEEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT GROUP

### Minutes of meeting on 7 February 2017

Elections: Chairman Nicola Shanks

Vice Chairman Constance Moore

Secretary Andrew Corser (in absentia, but has agreed)

Nicola will email all those on the list, and the Community Engagement Group will be setting up a Facebook page to keep in contact (though not everyone does Facebook.)

Suggestions as to how to proceed: Constance has contacted Natural England, AONB, National Trust, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and the Penwith Landscape Partnership with a view to working with them and inviting them to meetings. Ted Mole said that a good starting point was the National Planning Policy framework, then the Cornwall Local Plan. There are guidelines as to how to proceed on the Cornwall Council website.

Ted gave a presentation on the various layers of the Cornwall interactive map, showing all the landscape designations, the AONB, the National Trust land and other sites and land types.

There was a discussion on what we mean by the natural environment, and which types of land we need to protect. There is a guide to carrying out a Local Landscape Character Assessment (LLCA) on the Cornwall Council website at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/17196734/llca-guidance-loaded-on-web-v11.pdf>. Brownfield land is better than green fields for building on, but definitions of brownfield have changed. We need to decide what we want for our green spaces, bearing in mind not only housing but recreation and employment. Renewable energy was also mentioned: rather than wind turbines, water turbines using the water coming out of disused mines such as Geevor.

Further points: can local businesses help with such things as printing? Time limit 1 ½ hours for future meetings. Reports from the other groups will be needed, and should members attend the other groups?

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