

Coleford Area Partnership AGM Oct 2019: Launch review of current Strategic Plan (ends 2020) and devise into next

Coleford Area is defined as the Town and the neighbouring area of Coleford, including English Bicknor, Lydbrook, Newland (with Clearwell and Redbrook), St.Briavels and Hewelsfield, Staunton (Coleford) and West Dean (western part).

Key documents:

Time for Coleford, CAP strategic plan to 2020, and note Fig 2 CASE diagram P6; Mem and Arts of Coleford Area Partnership

Also see Berry Hill, Christchurch and Edge End NDP and Coleford NDP; FoDDC Local Plan (and start of next)

Process and timescale for review and revision

- *Agenda item for each Steering Group meeting*
- *Launch AGM 7pm Mon 28 October 2019. Initial document drafted for launch*
- *Early November, put on CAP Main Place website with added notes from AGM attendees. Comments welcomed.*
- *Nov 2019- Feb 2020 arrange with each parish council a session with a member of Steering Group in attendance; also session for local residents*
- *Community workshop for all seven parishes together*
- *Stakeholder workshop (combine with above?)*
- *Engagement with young people: eg Five Acres High School, Monday lunchtime session (NP has contact details)*
- *Research on data relevant – see OCSi; People’s Survey; climate change*
- *March 2020 collate data so far and arrange theme group sessions. Follow up queries with responsible bodies for info/comment*
- *April 2020-June 2020 Theme Groups/ workshop sessions*
- *June-July 2020 First draft prepared and published for consultation locally and with stakeholders*
- *AGM Oct 2020 Redraft from consultation presented*

FRAMEWORK (This derives from the current Plan)

Achievements

- 1) *Main Place constructed and been running since 2010*
- 2) *Tourist Information Centre for Wye Valley and FoD re-established by Coleford Town Council and FoDDC contribution at start. Staffed by volunteers and received x thousand visitors*
- 3) *Heritage Days: CAP has run these for the Forest since the start.*
- 4) *Community space (see also Ongoing)*

- a. CAP office and management of Main Place
 - b. Use for medical, social, Dr Charley
 - c. Hire for community use
 - d. Enterprise zone
 - e. Youth provision
- 5) Library staffed and upgrades eg Innovation Hub, IT, group programmes, FEBP
 - 6) Dora Matthews House: Bank St
 - 7) Berry Hill, Christchurch and Edge End Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) made 2016
 - 8) Coleford NDP made Oct 2017

Ongoing projects

- 1) Regeneration via using and applying NDPs
- 2) Main Place development
 - a. Drop in centre now The Enablement Service
 - b. Learning via both the library – maths currently – and Training Room – first aid etc
 - c. Use regularly for medical space eg diabetic sight tests, Maggie's
- 3) CAP group and delivery.

1. This is what we are doing, is that what we want to continue to do?

- a. Yes, continue and expand; include new ideas; take forward non-planning aspects
- b. Youth space should do more: CAP involved in wider youth lobby, possible space for wider partnership; give young people more ownership of own plans, ways forward
- c. Communication vital, by every route: social media, newsletters from parishes;

AIMS reviewed/revised

Our vision

“To ensure that Coleford and its neighbouring areas remain attractive places to live and work by increasing the prosperity of the area, improving the quality of life of its citizens while maintaining and enhancing the area’s natural heritage.”

This reflects the Case for the Community, see diagram P6 of Time for Coleford, summarised as

Community	C
Access	A
Sustainability	S
Economy	E

2. Is the vision still correct? See separate table for your commentary

PRIORITIES (*thus far suggested by CAP Steering*)

- 1) Communications with other parishes
 - 2) [FoDDC Local Plan](#) 2026 -2041 process started
 - 3) Set the scene
 - a. what has worked;
 - b. what has not worked;
 - c. what is needed now and where;
 - d. how do we get there?
 - 4) COMMON ISSUES ACROSS PARISHES
 - a. Climate change and green spaces/environment
 - b. Traffic and parking
 - c. Public transport and community transport
 - d. Water infrastructure (surface and foul): need resources and expert skills too
 - e. Resilience and communities
3. **What are the priorities? Add/group if possible.**