

## **BBPlan Newsletter November 2016**

Dear Baldock and Bygrave Planning Group Members

A big thank you to those of you who attended the open meeting earlier this month. It was good to see so many of you and to start to open the debate about how we want to see Baldock developing in the future.

There are lots to do, over the next year or so, to create a vision for our community that local residents and businesses can unite behind, and that will make the best of whatever comes from the Local Plan. We hope to get a lot more “hands-on” once the Local Plan Consultation is over, in the New Year.

Part of the reason for holding the meeting was to enable members to meet the current committee and give everyone a chance to nominate new committee members. Although we had several people volunteering to assist the committee in its endeavours, there were no additional nominations for the committee itself. Therefore the existing committee will continue in post for the next twelve months. The committee members are as follows:-

Rev'd Andrew Holford	Chair
Michael Bingham	Technical Consultant
Rob Hemmings	Treasurer
Philip Hills	Bygrave Parish Council Chair
Rachel Kelley	Clothall Meeting Council Chair
Stephen Proops	Technical Communication Manager
Albert Sillwood	Secretary
Adrienne Waterfield	Project Manager
Christine Watson	Community Liaison Coordinator

We remain open to any offers of help. The post of Funding Manger is unfilled. We will email requests for help, when specific events and activities are being planned.

The first help opportunity is December 3rd at the Baldock Christmas Fair. There is an opportunity to hand out leaflets and talk to people who show interest in the group. Christine has offered to do a portion of the day but would love some company and assistance. Perhaps like her you will be there with another organisation? Please contact her at [chrisatina@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisatina@hotmail.com) if you can help.

You may also be interested to know we will soon be signing-up the 200<sup>th</sup> member to the group. Please continue to spread the word about the group and encourage others to join us.

We will be using this email service as the primary route to contacting members, so please make sure that messages from [info@bbplan.co.uk](mailto:info@bbplan.co.uk) are not being redirected to your junk folders! The website [www.bbplan.co.uk](http://www.bbplan.co.uk) is up and running and will be expanded as a source of information as we grow.

We cannot conclude this update without a reminder to everyone to make a representation in the Local Plan consultation. You have until the 30<sup>th</sup> November. If you need help there are some pointers on the [www.saveruralbaldock.co.uk](http://www.saveruralbaldock.co.uk) website. All the work of the Planning Group will be based on the outcome of the Local Plan so we must do our best to try to ensure that it is as good a starting point as it can be.

This email is only being sent to those who have signed up to the group. Please take receipt as confirmation that you have been successfully registered.

We look forward to meeting, listening, debating, crafting new ideas and creating a vision for the future developments with you all over the coming months.

Regards

The Baldock and Bygrave Planning Group Committee