

**Notes of the initial meeting on 7th February 2013 of the Housing Focus Group at Lindfield URC.**

Faustina Bayo of AiRs (Action in Rural Sussex) explained the role of focus groups in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan and Alan Gomme & Andy Spooner (Chair & Deputy of the Steering Group) hosted the meeting.

Stuart Kirbell to be Leader of the Housing Focus Group.

Emma Shuttleworth from MSDC has offered to meet us to discuss affordable housing. I think that this would be useful and is something I would like to discuss at our next meeting along with whether we have any questions for Claire Tester (MSDC Planning Officer).

All of the documents discussed at the meeting are now uploaded to the Parish Council website, [http://www.lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/Core/LindfieldPC/Pages/Neighbourhood Plan Focus Group Documents 2.aspx](http://www.lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/Core/LindfieldPC/Pages/Neighbourhood%20Plan%20Focus%20Group%20Documents%20.aspx)

I think it would be useful if we can all read these prior to our next meeting. This will help guide us in deciding a way forward.

I'd also like to direct you to Slaugham's NP, <http://www.slaughampc.co.uk/NeighbourhoodPlan.html>  
Personally, I think that introducing Community Right to Build in conjunction with allocating plots for self building and affordable housing makes a lot of sense. I also like the direct link between housing an infrastructure improvements by way of the CIL. Combined this to me looks a more sustainable way of developing but you may disagree. We can discuss this at the next meeting.

Finally, we need to begin developing a list of actions to work on. From the last meeting, I noted the following,

1. Review of current sites (look to arrange site visits??)
2. Call for land - how to go about doing this in conjunction with MSDC

If anyone has any other suggestions, please bring them forward.

Stuart Kirbell