

This year has been eventful in many ways. The pandemic has shattered many lives, and we hope any members and supporters that have been affected by this virus are learning to live with the consequences, whatever they may be.

We had to stop Coffee Mornings and all the local activities that we would have been involved in as they were cancelled. Our first coffee morning since 18th March 2020 was on the 6th Aug 2021. Although a small meeting, it was a lively discussion about local issues and our involvement. It was so good to see people face to face.

The change that we have made to conform to Charity Law re communication is that any statement / opinion from The Littlehampton Society has been approved by the whole committee. We hope to be able to involve members more by surveys on line and off line, so we can have a collective voice, but also acknowledge differences. The committee cannot assume any position taken by the membership.

The issues that we have been monitoring are as follows.

The Littlehampton Town Centre Regeneration.

We have been following this since its inception. The opinion of the Committee is that it's a colossal waste of taxpayers' money, local and central government tax, via ADC LTC and government grants.

It is now not due to start until January 2022

At least the trees and a few ground level flowers are now saved.

The full plans are on line in the ADC website.

The RWE Rampion 2 Windfarm.

This is a controversial topic. The committee is behind wind power providing it is cost effective, and environment protective. We believe this one is neither.

We would ask as many people as possible to attend the Public Meeting on 24th Aug in the Millennium chamber at 7.00pm. Please RSVP, ASAP when you receive an invitation.

The proposed building of 1000 homes on the West Bank is once again being considered. Councillors have been offered sight of the newly organised Archives that contain previous reports from the seventies onward including Appeal Court findings, none of which proceeded to fruition. No reply as yet. This could save them £50,000.

The pedestrianisation of Pier Road happened this summer. Many people, the public, and resident businesses are pleased with the outcome.

The Committee is fully behind the development of BokLok an housing company set up by Ikea and Skanska. We have made some suggestions which may or may not be incorporated in their final plans.

The planning no. is LU/116/PL on the ADC website. We had a virtual meeting with them and were impressed with their attitude to our questions.

We also look forward to hearing Dr Ian Hendy talk about the proposed Kelp Forest at our AGM.

Our own projects are now proceeding apace.

The changing of our logo to fit our new 'Brand' is going to be designed by the Art students of The Littlehampton Academy hopefully starting next term.

The newest and very exciting project is the Community Orchard Project in the orchard behind the Bowling Club in Maltravers Rd. Sue Penn a Committee member and Membership Sec. is behind this idea, and has got permission from the ADC Parks Department to proceed with raised beds. A water source that will assist with watering is being explored. We will keep everyone informed with the progress, so you can then maybe help with planting, watering and eating crops.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM on 2nd Sept. 2021 in Millennium Chamber at 7.00pm doors open 6.30pm.

Thank you for your support during this time, especially to the Committee Members, who have worked very hard. Thankyou.

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