

EDITORIAL FOR FLEET MAGAZINE

COLLINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB UPDATE

A very well-attended meeting of the Club took place on Wednesday, 8th November, at the usual Collingham Football Club venue, by kind permission of the Committee.

Initial discussions centred on the initiative underway to produce a *Neighbourhood Plan* for Collingham, aimed at adding more local detail to the existing District Council equivalent plan. Several Business Club members have been invited to participate in this initiative in their own capacities, following an initial public meeting which took place on 17th November. A follow-up meeting is now planned for later this month; please contact the undersigned if you would like a report of that first meeting, or would like to be put in touch with the organisers.

Attention then turned to a developer's proposal to build an animal by-products processing plant at Villa Farm, Folly Lane, Norton Disney. Those present at the meeting were generally supportive of local job-creating, economic development initiatives, provided they do not cause damage; principal concerns in this respect include environmental damage, traffic blight, and air pollution. It was agreed that a letter would be drafted on behalf of the Business Club to the District Council seeking re-assurances in these respects.

Further details were then provided on an initiative getting underway to extend the existing Newark to Collingham multi-user *Sustrans* route, along the Trent Vale Trail to North Clifton. Anyone who would like more information, or would like to see the above letter before it is sent, should contact the undersigned.

This was the last Business Club event of 2017, meetings taking place between 6:00pm and 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of every month (excluding August & December). The next meeting will therefore take place on **Wednesday, 10th January 2018**; meanwhile, the Club sends seasonal greetings to everyone in the local community.

For Club information, for information on the Neighbourhood Plan initiative, to comment on the letter to be sent to N&SDC, or for further information on the Trent Vale Trail initiative, please contact terrbynash@gusto-uk.com