

Working toward....



This is how we are describing work to collect ideas, projects, activities and developments that are already building or will be needed to build a practical, realistic socially cohesive future for our village, Bayston Hill.

Why are we doing this?

The existing Parish Plan has expired and we need to develop something new. It is though, an opportunity to achieve more than the production of a document.

Once completed, the 'Community Led Plan' will underpin all of the local and county plans that together shape the services we need or want and development including housing and the local economy.

How we get there though can be just as valuable as the final plan.

It's an opportunity to share ideas and thoughts: is there something that you would really like to do or see happen in the village? Is there something you are already doing that you want to share more widely? What are you passionate about?

Exploring our community in this way can give a good indication of our needs, wants and ambitions – and linking these together can help shape a plan for the future.



What are we doing?

We are taking a 'bottom up' approach where resident and stakeholder engagement will enable us to build a powerful vision of the future for the village.

This is a collective effort. 'We' includes 'you'. Whatever the plan finally looks like it MUST come from within the community. It should

also be a living plan that evolves along with our own views and aspirations. It's important that we build a process or framework to nurture and facilitate the sharing of individual and group thoughts and passions. Helping us to do that would be a major contribution in itself.

How are we doing it?

A small steering group comprising volunteers from various organisations along with individual residents is developing a range of ways in which to engage, from one to one sessions, joining existing

group meetings, surveys, exhibitions, focus groups, 'breakfast' or similar meetings and drop in sessions, social media, on line polling and so on. More suggestions (and help) welcome!



But this isn't just about policies, lists and so on – it's about capturing village life (what brings us together) and then working out what that means for our future needs and demands.

Some initial thinking has identified four broad themes: Health and Wellbeing, Built and Natural Environment, Community

and Sustainable development. These are all interlinked and most if not all of our needs and wants can be allocated across one or more theme. But the key is not to worry about that but to focus on who and what we are, and want to become – and what support, services and infrastructure we need to make it happen.



‘Working toward: Bayston Hill 2027 - Our *village* together’ provides a space in which we can share existing and new ideas; a space in which residents can express and debate views, priorities, wants and needs without thinking ‘Community Led Plan!’ but at the same time contribute and give the plan itself the credibility and realism that is essential for it to be adopted by the Councils and used as the basis for decision making.

Getting Started

We are already in many respects a good community, a village together. A great way to get started, to open conversations, will be for us to collect together projects and activities that are happening right now and populate the broad themes we hope to develop with good examples and stimuli for new ideas. The CLP process will let us collectively choose the best bits and build on them.

