

Tweeddale Place Making Working Group

Since the last meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership a preliminary sub-group (composition attached) has met several times to discuss how to proceed, to determine Terms of Reference for a working group (attached), develop an outline workplan (attached), and outline how membership of a Placemaking Working Group should be determined (attached). To help inform our discussions a simple questionnaire to communities / community organisations was circulated (copy attached) to establish community interest in developing Community Place Plans. We have received positive interest from Walkerburn, Innerleithen, Peebles, Eddleston, Carlops & Skirling (summary attached).

The preliminary sub-group has also initiated the development of a glossary of terms in an effort to clarify and avoid confusion over the many different types of “plans” often referred to in correspondence. At its core this initiative is based around the concept of “Placemaking” and communities are working to develop “Place Plans” – and these two terms are used out of preference wherever possible.

We have chosen to use the term Tweeddale Area Partnership Placemaking **Working Group** to maintain consistency with the terminology already used by the Berwickshire Area Partnership Place Making **Working Group**.

The SBC Placemaking Team is setting up a Sharepoint to facilitate the making available and sharing of Placemaking related documents between communities.

Decision-points

- Agree the Terms of Reference for the Tweeddale Placemaking Working Group.
- Agree to the use of the term Tweeddale Area Partnership Placemaking Working Group.
- Formally invite those community members making up the preliminary sub-group to continue their work as members of the Tweeddale Placemaking Working Group – noting that application for membership to the Working Group remains open.
- Appoint up to three Tweeddale councillors to the Tweeddale Placemaking Working Group.

Proposal

- It is proposed that support from the Tweeddale Area Partnership and the SBC Placemaking Team should be provided to **all** those communities that have indicated interest in developing Community Place Plans.

Once communities have taken their first steps in planning data collection and community engagement it will become clearer what additional support resources may be required. There is a presumption that communities will drive the development of their Place Plans at their own pace and according to their capacities to do so. Development of an outline timeline for these efforts will allow support to be phased over time, and also allow for other communities to join the programme in the future.