



South Gloucestershire

AGM 15th February 2026

Agenda

- Chairman's Introduction
 - List what we have done over the last year
 - Set out our current objectives for the next year
- Treasurer
 - Present the accounts for approval
 - Present the revised Constitution for approval
 - Elect the new Committee (and Officers if new Constitution not approved)
- Chairman
 - Discuss the planned walk in more detail.
- Treasurer
 - Additional threats facing the Green Belt
- Chairman
 - Appeal for more help and feedback
 - General Discussion
- Meeting Close

Objectives of this Community Group

As defined in our Constitution

- To Protect Green Spaces within South Gloucestershire from mass development.
- To raise awareness of the proposed South Gloucestershire Local Plan within the community.
- To encourage the community to engage with the Local Plan consultation process.
- To develop and promote arguments for protecting Green Spaces and quality of life for all.

As this is our AGM, your attendance implies your agreement to these objectives so you may consider yourself a member of the Group entitled to vote in this meeting.

If you disagree, then I am sorry I will have to ask you to leave now.

Key Achievements

- Over 3,000 members on our Facebook Group
- Radio interview BBC Bristol Breakfast
- TV Interview – Points West (Martin) and other ad hoc coverage on Points West
- Various local and national press articles and photo shoots including: The Voice, Mail Online
- Extensive Poster campaign including large scale display of maps at locations including the Warmley Café
- Demonstrations outside Kingswood Council offices
- Delivered over 200 written objections to the council office
- Attendance at Council meetings where several members spoke and raised objections.
- Employed a planning consultant to submit our formal objections to the Local Plan
- We held a number of Public Meetings and one to one workshops across various location including Warmley, Emersons Green (Pomphrey Hill), Oldland Common and Wick.
- We raised funds through public donations and grants

Objectives for the Coming Year

- Current Aims
- Planned Fundraisers
- What Next?

The Formal Stuff

- Report and Accounts

Opening Balance	£1,096.84
Income	£8,342.47
Expenses	<u>£4,192.84</u>
Balance carried forward	£5,246.47

- - The full details have been available for review on our Web site

The Constitution

Full details of proposed changes have been made available on our Web site.

Proposed Objectives of the Group

- To act as champions for and to protect Green Belt and Green Spaces within South Gloucestershire from mass development.
- To Protect and Enhance the Ecological and Natural Wildlife environment, Heritage and Archaeology of the area.
- To encourage community engagement .
- To develop and promote arguments for protecting Green Spaces and quality of life for all.

Other Minor Amendments

- Any references to the Local Plan have been removed
- Amendment to give the Committee the responsibility for electing the Officers of the Group.
- Amendments to required notice periods have been made.
- Amendments around the management of petty cash, financial controls and annual accounts have been made.
- Ability to amend The Constitution at a General Meeting by majority vote.
- An update to acknowledge the Group can now continue beyond the time the Local Plan is adopted.

Elect The Committee

- Candidates standing
- Jill Barnes
- Rick Dunning
- Helen Hamilton
- Darren Lawrence – currently Chair
- Steve Reade
- Ros Pyle – currently Secretary
- Lilian Sheeley
- Kerry Shepherd
- Dudley Summersfield – currently Treasurer
- Martin Thomas

Our Community Walk

- Saturday 18th April
- Starting from various points
- All meeting on Shortwood Golf Course at 12pm for a photo shoot
- Full details to be published nearer the time



The Future of South Gloucestershire

Proposed Local Plan

Just the Tip of the Iceberg!

Local Plan – A Rolling program

Due to be updated and extended every 5 years

Neighboring Council Plans

Examples:-

Hicks Gate 1,200+ homes

Keynsham and Saltford 2,150 homes

All to impact South Gloucestershire's infrastructure.



2026-2041

Over 22,000 homes
Greenbelt Destruction
Lack of Infrastructure

WECA

Economic Powerhouse
7,750 homes per year
Population to increase by 9% by 2040

Brabazon New Town

One of Governments 12 proposed New Towns
40,000 homes
From Filton to Pucklechurch

The Future of the Group

- Chairman
 - So what is next
 - Appeal for more help and feedback
 - General Discussion