



Chair's Welcome

Welcome to our second CPRE Cornwall newsletter, included in this edition is an update on the Local Plan, an introduction to our commissioned Housing report and a summary of our successful conference and AGM held in June.

The trustee teams continues to work hard on behalf of the membership to try and protect our countryside from inappropriate development and the system we now have in place for reviewing applications is working well; enclosed is a copy of some of the applications on which we have made objections. We are always on the hunt for any members who would be willing to help us with this work so if you feel you may be able to spare an hour or two a week/fortnight/month, do get in touch.

Lastly, as always, I urge you to spread the CPRE Cornwall name amongst family and friends - you really are the best way for increasing membership and therefore our capacity to protect our special countryside.

Harold Tinworth
Chair, CPRE Cornwall

Local Plan update

As documented in our previous newsletter the deadline for comments to Cornwall Council's draft local plan came to an end in April. Since then the Council has taken into account some of the consultations and created the 'Schedule of Focused Changes', this document is now being consulted upon before, subject to the responses received and the final view of the Council on these changes, the full Proposed Submission Document will be the version of the Local Plan that Cornwall Council intends to submit to the Secretary of State for examination.



An ever expanding housing development in St Martin by Looe
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CPRE Cornwall's Housing Report

Earlier in the year CPRE Cornwall commissioned Dr Bernard Deacon, Professor of Cornish Studies to undertake research into the relevant statistics supporting Cornwall's housing need.

Following this investigation, trustee Orlando Kimber has prepared a series of reports which examine the data and make a strong evidence-based challenge to Cornwall Council's housing projections within the Local Plan. Parts One and Two have been published with strong media interest on television, radio and in the local press. Further parts will follow.

The reports are available to download and read on the website at www.cprecornwall.org/campaigns/cornwall-housing-policy/, alternatively contact Kate on 0845 269 4501 to receive a hard copy.

STANDING UP FOR CORNWALL'S COUNTRYSIDE

CPRE Cornwall's Conference and AGM Update

Those members on email have already received information about our Conference and AGM back in June but for those of you who have yet to hear by all accounts it was a good day and the trustees were very pleased with all that was achieved.

The **Conference** was well attended with around 70 people coming together to listen to the 10 speakers who represented the various action groups invited. The groups formed 4 different sessions: housing, landscape, pollution and energy which made for lively debate; despite the interests of the speakers and audience varying, it was a shared Passion and Love of Cornwall and a joint desire to protect and improve it that was the overriding outcome. Subsequently there were a number of areas where we might look at a mutual cooperation and exchange of information, in summary:

- A. Information databases**
- B. Support on planning policy & inappropriate planning applications**
- C. General exchange & support network**
- D. Critically but constructively working with the council and where necessary lobbying and protesting together**
- E. Discussion & debate with prospective parliamentary candidates regarding policy and commitments.**

The above is a huge task for CPRE and we will not manage all of it and certainly not immediately but we are prepared to try.

At the **AGM** a brief annual report was circulated (enclosed) which highlights the organisations' recent successes as well as the plans for the future, it



Membership

Membership continues to grow but once again we urge you to understand that you are our greatest hope of reaching the 1000 mark goal we have challenged ourselves. Please find enclosed spare membership forms and 'sign the charter' cards which we hope you will pass to family and friends.



Listening intently at CPRE Cornwall's Conference

also gives an account of the finances since the EGM in December. At the AGM the current set of trustees were re-elected en bloc for the following year, to confirm:

Chair: Harold Tinworth

Vice Chair 1: Stephanie Kelly

Vice chair 2: Orlando Kimber

Secretary: Robert Morcumb

Treasurer: Nigel Cooper

Membership Secretary: Paul Wiley

During the meeting it was decided to hold the next AGM in October 2015, allowing us to possibly repeat a conference in the Spring and then hold the AGM in conjunction with, say, a guest speaker in the Autumn.

After the formal conclusion of the meeting we heard from Lord Matthew Taylor on the proposed development at Higher Newham Farm on the outskirts of Truro. The highly unusual proposal has many unique elements and the trustees will keep a close eye on this as it develops and goes through the application process.

Full minutes from the AGM can be found on the website at www.cprecornwall.org/resources, alternatively should you wish to receive a hard copy contact Kate on 0845 269 4501.