

*Inspired by the past, picture your future...*

# **LOOK! St Albans** **our community voice on design**

*"In the spirit of community-led neighbourhood planning our ethos is to be transparent, proactive, respectful, collaborative, open, diverse, explorative and community-rooted." A design charrette is an intense period of design or planning activity.*

Dear Look! St Albans supporter

## **Invitation**

The last time we invited you to step out to a Look! St Albans event was on a dark cold evening in winter; this time with spring firmly in the air, we warmly invite you to an informal gathering on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March at The Waterend Barn Blenheim Room from 7pm. All you need do is turn up, buy a beverage and join us for a chat for as long or short a time as you like. Don't worry if you can't make it this time, we plan to hold similar informal events in the future. Look! St Albans 'Our Community Voice on Design' belongs to us all.

## **Draft AGM minutes and a reminder of talk by Tony Burton CBE**

I attach a copy of the draft minutes from our inaugural AGM and a 'hand out' reminder of the inspiring talk given by Tony Burton founder of Civic Voice. Look! St Albans is firmly community rooted and not a 'top down' organisation. He endorsed our ambition to change the starting point from being reactive to being proactive.

- To be where theory and practice meet.
- Where developers, councils and local people meet.
- Design codes a shared framework.
- Charettes a powerful collaboration between local knowledge and external expertise.
- *Everyone* has a view which matters!

**Ways of staying in touch**, keep informed, and offer help on an 'ad hoc' basis or on a more regular basis.

## **Please visit our Scribd website regularly**

<http://www.scribd.com/LookStAlbans> until we get a dedicated website up and running. See our agendas, minutes and our newly signed joint memorandum of understanding between the council (signed by the council's interim head of planning) and Look! St Albans <http://www.scribd.com/doc/211875504/Look-St-Albans-jointly-signed-MoU-with-St-Albans-District-Council>

### **Join one of Look! St Albans working parties**

Members the working parties will meet at a time mutually convenient, on a project basis, but will always ensure informality and fun in the serious work undertaken. So far we have working parties on;

**Website:** Remit to set up and design a website for Look! St Albans. Purpose, to publicise the work of Look! St Albans and to keep our supporters updated on events and activities including representatives group meetings agenda's and minutes.

**Funding:** Remit and purpose, to obtain funding to enable Look! St Albans to pursue its aims and objectives.

**Publicity/Future events:** Remit and purpose to further communicate the work of Look! St Albans in its purpose and aims.

### **Community Feedback (short working party) from the open meeting held on 20th March 2013**

Aims and objectives, to ensure all views are recorded in a user friendly manner, published and available to all.

Please email me if you want to join the working parties your contributions will be most welcome. I have been very heartened by the support we have received in our joint venture. We know the path we have set will not always be easy, but there again, nothing worth doing ever is!

With very best wishes

Vanessa Gregory

Chairman Look! St Albans

PS You have been sent this email as you have shown interest in Look! St Albans. Should you wish not to receive emails in the future please reply to sender and advise, we can amend our records accordingly.