



February 2017 Newsletter

The Frequently Asked Questions section on our website says, “We employ consensus decision making. This style of decision making requires the consent of all households to a decision rather than a simple majority vote”. On Saturday Feb 25th BSC and friends engaged in a Consensus workshop with Laird Schaub.



Consensus works best in a cooperative environment, where information is willingly pooled and people believe that the collective wisdom is superior to individual ideas.

Unfortunately, most of us have been raised in a culture that is competitive, adversarial, and hierarchic – not one that is cooperative and egoless.

The four main ingredients to making consensus work are:

Common values Work Appropriate for the group Willingness to engage Belief in the Process

On Sunday the 26th we did two more sessions with Laird. The first session was on meeting facilitation. How to plan and conduct a group meeting for maximum accomplishment. The second session was on managing conflict. What can be done when there is disagreement within a group.