

Consent decision making (short format)

Present proposal ⊕

Clarifying questions ⊕

Reaction round ⊕

Consent rounds ⊕

Celebrate

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Present proposal

See "Proposal forming" for more details on creating the proposal
 Facilitator invites the proposer to clearly present their proposal

Clarifying questions

Invitation to ask questions to clarify anything you do not understand about the proposal

- Proposer clarifies
 - Proposer may invite someone with greater wisdom to contribute
- Integrate emergent wisdom at the end of the round
- If proposal is modified
 - Proposer clearly restates new proposal at the end

Not standard practice (Rakesh)

Reaction round

Proposer/facilitator clearly restates the proposal

All circle members who are present give a very brief reaction to the proposal

Typically can be

- 1 to 5 words
- or a sound
- or an action

Possibly frame the question by asking "How does this proposal make you feel?"

Not standard practice (Rakesh)

Consent rounds

Proposer/facilitator clearly states the proposal

Facilitator asks each person for consent

Valid responses

- No Objection (or consent)
- Objection
 - Note down who objected
- Consent with concerns
 - Note down who had concerns

After hearing from all

- If no objections
 - Announce Decision & Celebrate
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- If objections
 - Ask those who objected to state the reason for their objection
 - If the proposal conflicts with circle's aim.
 - If there is an obvious flaw
 - If an important aspect is missing
 - If there is a potential unexpected consequence of implementing the proposal
 - If the proposal impedes your ability to carry out your task
 - Options towards resolution
 - The facilitator amends proposal
 - How would you solve this
 - round
 - Brief Dialogue
 - 2 or 3 people
 - Re-work
 - Send back to higher / lower circle
 - Offer back to proposee to review and revise
 - Form a temporary circle to
 - review,
 - research
 - revise
 - Free form dialogue
 - Objections are gift
 - Consider it an emergent wisdom that is seeking expression into consciousness
 - Maybe only one person realises a potential issue
 - Don't miss this wisdom
 - We need to capture this to make sure the system has the best chance of working
 - Integrate wisdom
 - Formulate amended proposal
 - Seek consent
 - If concerns
 - Facilitator decides if the concerns need to be heard or not
 - Often they are heard
 - May not be heard if there is time pressure

Celebrate

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