

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 5th December 2017, 7pm – 8pm**

Thanks for coming: Felicity, Manel, Hilary, Chris (Chair), Lorraine (Notes), Lynda, Sue

Apologies: Philippe, Colin

Chris welcomed Manel who had recently moved to the area, and gave us some useful feedback and suggestions on promoting the group.

Partnering with other local community groups

- Sue and Chris both researched local community groups with similar aims to us and found there was limited information available.
- Chris will follow up the contacts that he already has and the rest of the group will forward any more that they come across.
- OCVA do networking meetings – may be worth us being invited.
- Volunteer Connect and Connetik may be useful to us. Felicity has some contacts.
- A general BCAG poster will be created to place around the town, such as libraries and community centres.

DBS Applications

- Oxfordshire Youth can provide a 1 Hour training session for a registered checker of volunteers' ID documents.
- Training is available on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 10am-11am. Hilary has volunteered to attend this course.
- There are still a few items outstanding to be followed up with Harry.

Press Releases

- The communications team at CDC will be happy to send out any BCAG promotions.
- Further discussions on press release content will continue.

Skill Share

- Details of the annual CAG Oxfordshire get together have been sent out to the whole mailing list and social media.

Car Share

- Progress on the scheme launch has stalled with Enterprise and Chiltern Railways.
- Hilary will re-visit her contact at Low Carbon Hook Norton for some other options.
- It was suggested that when the electric vehicle market improves that there may be a future option for us to be given a car to promote locally.
- An alternative suggestion that may be more achievable sooner, would be to set up a local liftshare scheme that we could link to from our website. Chris will look into what's already available within Oxfordshire.

WEEE Grant

- CAG Oxfordshire have been successful in being awarded a grant for repairing electrical items.
- This will provide support for finding and training fixers to repair small electricals at our indoor Give or Take events.
- We discussed ways to promote this to the wider public and engage with new volunteers willing to be trained and run the repair café as part of a team.

Give or Take – Quick Review

- Positive feedback received once again from our visitors.
- Visitor numbers were down but the weight saved from waste streams was the same as before.
- The promotional posters will be amended to state “Dropping off items is preferred by 1pm”
- It was suggested that we extend the laminated promotional event signs to the empty market stalls. (CDC now run the market)
- Offline promotion needs to be improved.
- We could do with more help with transporting leftovers to local charities.
- CDC recycling team – Emily and Felicity will liaise with Lorraine to organise a new re-fashion event in the town and combine it with a Give or Take.
- Café donations towards room hire =£47.80 Lorraine will claim payment of the shortfall from our supporter ilovefreegle.org

Browning Road Orchard

- Banbury Town Council have designed and ordered the new interpretation boards.
- Hilary will organise a short replacement tree planting and mulching session which are funded from the donations received on apple day.

Meeting Locations

- An event volunteer mentioned that they would like to attend our monthly catch-up meetings but was unable to as they are held in pub.
- We discussed various ideas of alternative locations that we could move our catch-up to every 3 months. We will source some places such as restaurants, council offices and supermarket cafes and report back to the group at the next meeting.

Banbury CAG Notice Board

- This will be installed in the Bridge St Garden by volunteers on **Saturday, 18th November**. Please turn up and help if you are available.

Next Catch-up Meeting

- The next one will be on **Tuesday, 5th December 2017. 7pm Start**
- Phone the Reindeer Inn to confirm availability the day before.