

Banbury Community Action Group



**Notes for the meeting held on
Tuesday 3rd February 2015, 7pm at The Globe Room inside The Reindeer
Public House, Parsons Street, Banbury**

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Present: Chris, Nathan, Harry, John, Lorraine, Hilary, Tony, Sarah, Robert, Jane, Linda, Ros, Sandra, Helen, Lynn, Emma, Tim, Andy, John, Andrew, Sue.

Apologies: Vic P, Derek and Mary Y, Simon K.

Chair Person, Jane. Minutes, Harry.

Minutes from previous meeting;

Blackboards to be discussed further with supplier.

Upcoming Events;

Browning Road Orchard

Sunday 1st of March 11am-3pm. CAG members to see Hilary with regards to volunteer for flyering. Helen to talk to Banbury Guardian about publicity.

Hearthway Project

Thursday 5th March 10am-12pm. Initial one day project during climate week to improve a small area outside Sanctuary Housing owned flats and adjacent land. CAG members and resident volunteers will help dispose of bulk refuse with use of skip supplied by Sanctuary (Smiths of Bloxham). A small amount of planting will take place, fruit trees etc.

Give and Take

Saturday 7th March 11am-1pm, Marlborough Road Church. Town council have confirmed to help with recycling left over goods/items. 'Love food hate waste', plus other groups will be attending on the day. Contact Lorraine if you need any additional info. Laminated posters and flyers produced and printed by Andrew (Cherwell Council), Banbury CAG Members are very appreciative of his efforts. Volunteers to flyer/publicise event. Harry W has agreed to contact Oxford Radio to record a 30 second radio advert.

Big Lunch @ Banbury Young Homeless Project (BYHP)

Project co-ordinators Nathan and Tim confirmed. Sub-group to plan event details to present at next CAG Meeting.

Reports;

Incredible Edible

Jake E, Harry W and Charlie M attended last meeting in Oxford, met other members and discussed issues surrounding growing food projects in urban areas. Members of CAG and anyone else who might like to get involved are welcomed to join the next meeting in Oxford on 25th March 6-7:30pm @ The Punters (Pub).

Banbury Volunteer Fair

Jake, Jane and John attended. Very positive feedback from attendees, networking and new CAG members.

Future plans and Reports;

Bridge Street community garden proposed for land behind Naomi's Café by the canal. John from Banbury Town Council to follow up with OCC to process an agreement for the use of this land for a community garden project. Project co-ordinators Jake E and Harry W confirmed.

Funding Conversations;

John spoke to two organisations regarding potential funding available to future CAG projects. Harry and Jake to follow up funding applications for Bridge St Community garden. 'Brighter Futures' Banbury Town Council initiative also has small amounts of funding available for potential projects in certain areas of Banbury; Ruscote, Grimsbury and Neithrop.

Banbury CAG column in Local Paper

Helen to liaise with Banbury Guardian, looking at establishing a regular monthly Banbury CAG column, aiming to start in March. Andrew, Charlie and Jake to meet with Helen to discuss further.

A.O.B

Charlie M (not present) has volunteered to write a weekly/monthly blog with possibility of writing in local newspaper column. Charlie to liaise with Jake, Andrew and Helen. Tim – expressed an interest in setting up and creating more awareness for a 'street bank'. Tim & John - Two compost bins and a water butt have been donated to the BYHP.