

Banbury Community Action Group



**Notes for the meeting held on
Tuesday 5th May 2015, 7pm at The Globe Room inside The Reindeer
Public House, Parsons Street, Banbury**

**Next meeting on
Tuesday 2nd June 2015, 7pm at The Globe Room inside The Reindeer
Public House, Parsons Street, Banbury**

Present:

Jake, Emma, Charlie, Harry, Nathan, Chris, Julia, Tony, Lynda, Jane, Hilary.

Apologies:

Lorraine, Sue, Simon, Andrew, Tim.

Chair Person, Jake.

Minutes, Charlie.

PROJECT UPDATES

The Big Lunch

- Successful meeting held at BYHP by Nathan and Tim. Date is Sunday 6th September 2015 (12-5pm).
- CDC to lend gazebos used at compost giveaway, looking to source a lorry for use as a portable stage.
- Target attendees to be BYHP users, Cattle Market and Grimsbury stakeholders.

Bridge Street Garden

- Volunteer day held on 24th April. 10 volunteers built 4 raised beds, filled them with soil and planted potatoes, strawberries and even some flowers.
- Volunteer sessions to be held every two weeks on a Saturday from now on. Check CAG website or 'Bridge Street Garden Volunteers' on Facebook for dates.
- Next session will be this Saturday 10:30-3pm. Harry and Jake will cut down donated scaffolding boards (our thanks to Kinglerlee for these) off site and bring ready for construction of raised beds. There will be other jobs, Harry to email whole CAG mailing list with more information about Saturday.

Dinnertime

- Pilot event held successfully last week allowing the team to gain a good idea of the work involved.
- Next event date tbc in a couple of months with public promotion. Maximum of 20 diners.

Browning Road Orchard

- Mulch needed for trees. Hilary will contact company with new council contract.
- Hilary suggested holding an Apple Day celebration either the weekend before or after apple day (Sunday 19th October). To be discussed again at next meeting.

Comms Group

- Charlie/Andrew will contact press contacts re: photocall for this Saturday's Bridge Street volunteer day.

OTHER BUSINESS

Branding Kit

- Nathan and the Comms group to look into putting together a 'CAG kit' of leaflets, pop up banner, poster, business cards and stickers to be taken to all CAG project and publicity events with the aim of attracting new members.

Attendance at Banbury Town Council events

- Volunteer Reception 5th June; Lynda to attend and network with local volunteers and groups on behalf of CAG.
- Hobby Horse Festival 5th July; we will take a stall for £9. 1-4pm. A rota will be arranged. Aim of signing up new members, plan to have 'CAG kit' ready by then.
- Canal Day 4th October; we will open the community garden, have volunteers on hand to answer questions and offer activities.

Compost Giveaway

- Members of CAG attended to run a seed swap. Very good turnout and lots of interest in CAG. Will attend again if they repeat and invite us next year.

Hook Norton Low Carbon

- Nathan visited this former CAG to see their projects. They run a car club, have a biodiesel generator etc and are interested in coming along to a meeting. Nathan to progress.

Finance

- Nathan will apply for the Town Council small grants fund and maintenance grant from CAG.

CAG Social

- Fun time had by all who attended.
- Nathan met a contact from Viridor Energy from Waste facility who has offered a tour of the plant in Ardley. Nathan to circulate dates.

AGM

- Agreed to look into holding this year's AGM, as last year at The Mill. Provisional date Tuesday 1st December. Nathan to email to enquire.