

Banbury Community Action Group

Meeting notes from: **Tuesday 1st September 2015**
The Globe Room, Olde Reindeer Pub, Parsons Street, Banbury



Next Meeting **Tuesday 6th October**
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Present : Jake, John, Chris, Hilary, Jane, Tracie, Lynda,
Andrew, Lorraine, Tim, John Donaldson

Apologies : Emma, Nathan,

Chair: Jake

Minutes: Andrew

PROJECT UPDATES

PAT Testing

- Five people came to the PAT Testing training at Naomis Bar. Which means they can all PAT test at future give or take days.
- The training was excellent, and Lorraine will forward the certificates to those who attended.
- Bicester Green have a PAT testing machine, so this can be borrowed when needed.

The Big Lunch

- All set for the weekends event (Sun 6th Sep 12pm-5pm)
- Promotions going well with 400 householders leafleted nearby and lots of social media coverage
- Looking like the event may raise money for BYHP which will be excellent
- Parking is difficult, but passes for the multi-story can be given out by organisers on the day.
- Turnout is completely unknown, could be 300 or 3,000! Everyone encouraged to come along there will be lots going on
 - Junk Modelling
 - Live acts on stage
 - Kids Crafts
 - Storytellers
 - Raffle

Bridge Street Community Garden

- The Garden has gone brilliantly and a huge thank you should be extended to all that took part, helped out, donated veg or materials. There is lots of veg and flowers growing, and a shed has been installed. Jake and Harry have keys. Compost bins have also been donated by CDC.
- People are regularly visiting, watering and weeding, and working parties get between 10-12 people each time. Lots of new faces with people doing a lot or just a little, which is the idea of the garden.
- Harry discussed a future meeting to plan for next year, if you are interested in having a say about the garden the first meeting will be 6.30pm on Tuesday 6th Sep at Naomis Café. All are welcome.
- Andrew will produce flyers to use at Canal Day to promote the garden. CDC, Green Party & Visit Banbury stall will all have flyers.

Browning Road Orchard

- All the trees are fairing well and the group are looking forward to a spring blossom.
- Hilary and Jane are looking at a Blossom Day in the Spring to celebrate the Orchard, more details to follow.

Give or Take Event

- Saturday 21st November will be the next Give or Take Event. It will be alongside a community day in Grimsbury organised by Tracie. It will also coincide with CDC's Blitz week in the area, so there should be good coverage.
 - Details and requests for help will be discussed in October Meeting.
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Meeting Style

Group discussed the way meetings run and were generally happy, but did reiterate the need to keep updates short and sweet, and make sure new members are welcomed.

ERF Visit

Jane talked about the visit to the ERF. A good visit to a thoroughly professional facility, recommended for anyone interested in this. Tours can be booked by anyone on the [Viridor Ardley ERF website](#)

New Community Garden Site

Jane and Hilary have seen a site that they would like to develop, to grow fruit veg etc. It will brighten the area up and engage people with growing. Nursery Drive area is being discussed, roughly between Mondelez and the Cemeteray, which is a busy walk way. Andrew to look at sourcing compost for Spring, Jane and Hilary to contact Mondelez and start planning.

Sanctuary & Sharing

Jake met with Kate from Sanctuary and discussed lots of things.

- Abundance is the idea of taking excess apples and fruits from gardens that can't use them all. They can be juiced and then given to people. Sanctuary said that they would ask wardens to look out for trees suitable.
- The Hill Youth Group were also interested in taking part.
- They discusses a tool share, but wanted to broaden it out to anything. So you could have suits for interviews, tools, dvds etc. Kate mentioned there could be some space at Faithworks for storage.

Car/Van Share

Discussion about the popularity of a car share. Needs more promotion to judge if there is a need for it. Chris is to look into borrowing a car for Canal Day or similar to showcase to residents. Then press team can drum up interest.