

Banbury Community Action Group
Meeting notes from: **Tuesday 5th April 2016**
Olde Reindeer Pub, Parsons Street, Banbury



Next Meeting: **Tuesday 3rd May 2016 @ 7pm**

Thanks for coming: Nathan, Jane, Chris, Sue, Lorraine

Apologies: Simon, Andrew, John H, Jake, Tim

- **CAG Network Social 7th April** – no-one able to attend.
- **Peter Lefort** has now left CAG Oxfordshire to join the Big Lunch at Eden Project.
- **Clean for the Queen** – enjoyable, several volunteers attended, 16 bags of litter collected.
- **OCVA Awards** – Banbury CAG Nominated, Nathan and Jake to attend.
- **Banbury Town Council Community Awards** – Nathan will put BCAG forward for this.
- **Bridge St Garden Update** – Grant funds not yet received. Invite all Bridge St volunteers to attend the next meeting for an update on the risk assessment, site design / activities and requirements for funds. Only bills and receipts pre-approved by Nathan will be paid.
A big thank you to **Lucy** who has offered to put photos and information on the garden volunteers' facebook group and share them with the BCAG facebook page, and **Sue** who will provide us with meeting and working party dates.
- **BCAG Accounts** – will be presented at next meeting, 5th May
- **Expenses** – Agreed to buy a Slow Cooker.
- **CAG Oxfordshire Data Portal** – c/f discussions for making this easier.
- **Social Media additional volunteers** – Kate at Sanctuary Housing is connecting us to ICT students. Lorraine to follow up with Kate/Andrew.
- **Car Share survey** – Andrew and Chris are liaising on this, due to go out soon. An online form is preferred rather than a pdf.
- **SESI Refill** – Possibility of housing two detergent refill machines in Banbury as a trial. Interested in finding out more details from SESI before sourcing potential venues.
- **Give or Take & More 12th March update** – 221+ visitors, 529kg saved from landfill, leftovers went to BHF charity and the reuse centre at Farthinghoe.
TV crew filmed the event and did individual interviews.
New location was popular – need to publicise drop off points better.
Pay as you feel donations raised £101 – room hire cost £100
Set up was confusing – need to bring back some set volunteer roles, label the tables, obtain some hanging rails to keep clothing tidy, pre-arrange borrowing extra tables.
Guest stalls were fantastic and keen to be invited again. SESI refill took room photos and promoted us on social media.
Food surplus café was brilliant, Hilary with help from Lynda, created some imaginative food samples. Hilary has a large list of tips and improvements for running another one.
Restart project for small electricals – was ok but will need to be launched again as a separate event before bringing it back to a Give or Take.
- **Banbury Vision & Masterplan** – Jane explained the documents and collated comments to be included in a joint consultation response from BCAG.