

Banbury Community Action Group
Meeting notes from: **Tuesday 4th October 2016**
Ye Olde Reindeer Pub, Parsons Street, Banbury



Next Meeting: **Tuesday 1st November 2016, 7pm – 8pm**

Thanks for coming: Lorraine (notes), Felicity (CDC), Harry, Jane, Hilary, Nathan, Sue

Apologies: Jake, Simon, Lynda, Andrew

Give or Take & More – Saturday 29th October, 11am – 2pm

- RVS Cornhill has been booked
- Guest stalls currently being arranged
- Food café will run again including a menu board
- Leftovers will be split between charity shops in Parsons St and High Street. Electricals and small furniture have been booked in at BHF Broad St to be dropped off behind the building from 2pm-3pm.
- We now have our own PAT test equipment
- Facebook and twitter promotion is in hand
- Flyers and local newspapers still to be done – Jane will action
- Poster still to be done – Nathan/Andrew
- Lorraine will send out full details later to event volunteers.

Cherwell District Council – Thorpe Lane Depot

- Felicity, the assistant recycling officer, came along to let us know that the council are keen to continue running activities alongside BCAG. We plan to contact the new Recycling Officer once they are in place.

Promotion

- Jane managed to produce a last minute BCAG leaflet in time for Canal Day – this will be improved when it's due for a reprint.
- Bridge St Garden will be getting a permanent noticeboard – Harry/Lorraine to action.

Canal Day – Bridge St Community Garden

- Enjoyable day with plenty of visitors.
- Next year – more signs and banners pointing to the garden, cook food in advance, appoint a volunteer to be a first aider/event safety person.

Upcoming elected role vacancies – December AGM

- Interest has been shown from several people willing to put themselves forward to the roles of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary for the coming year.

Mailbox Snippets

- Dora has now left CAG Oxfordshire – recruiting for a replacement has been started.
- New CAG Oxfordshire website – we now have access to update our own group information.
- Data Portal – this is no longer in operation, a new version is being designed. Please do keep recording your event data manually until it is ready to use.
- CAG Oxfordshire events calendar – we can now add BCAG events to this ourselves without the need to log in. Go to: <http://cagoxfordshire.org.uk/events>
- New Growing Collaboration Forum – this came into the mailbox during August and is a way for CAG groups to come together and work on developing growing, gardening and permaculture projects. Jake is already involved - Lorraine will forward all the past email discussions onto others who have shown an interest in taking this forward.
- New insurance documents are now available on the google drive.

Sanctuary Homes – Bridge St. Garden

- BCAG volunteers are meeting Kate on 12th October to discuss possible funding for ongoing projects.

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North Signal Box Closure

- The visitor tours ended on Sunday, 2nd October with over 300 visitors passing through the box during the day. This was an incredible achievement from the dedicated volunteers who brought a bit of history to life before it disappears from the Banbury landscape.
- The contents of the signal box will now be dismantled and distributed to other remaining signal boxes on the network with some being stored and hopefully installed at Banbury Museum in the future.

Prodrive Solar Panel Installation

- Low Carbon Hub completed the largest community owned solar panel installation in the UK on the Prodrive roof alongside the M40 motorway.
- BCAG were behind with hearing this news and will try to distribute more information around the group in future.
- More information on investing in these community owned projects can be found here: <http://www.lowcarbonhub.org/invest>