

Banbury Community Action Group

Meeting notes from AGM: **Tuesday, 6th December 2016**

Ye Olde Reindeer Pub, Parsons Street, Banbury



Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 3rd January 2017, 7pm – 8pm**

Thanks for coming: Lorraine (notes), Jake, Nathan, Simon (Chair), Chris, Lynda, Hilary, Sue, Harry (delayed)

Apologies: Kate, Emily

Project roundup for 2016

- Jake has launched his new community hub “The Hive” based in Church Lane – a meeting place with events, entertainment and sustainable community activities.
- BCAG hosted International Day in partnership with Visit Banbury during the summer at the Bridge St Garden. It offered multicultural food and a sense of community togetherness which was well attended and received lots of positive feedback.
- The Castle Street planted beds have been well maintained. We’re looking for someone to take these over.
- We organised a spring litter pick for the town centre as part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign.
- We received a small bit of TV coverage for our March Give or Take during the Hugh’s War on Waste programme.
- Browning Rd Orchard: the 80 trees are thriving and we are planning to hold at least one public event here during 2017. It is hopeful that we will find someone to take over this project. The council information boards should be installed soon.
- Bridge Street Edible Community Garden: This is going well, the garden flourished over the summer months. Some educational planting and cooking workshops were run in partnership with Sanctuary Housing. Several items have now been purchased or are on order with funds from the Bags of Help grant – 2 noticeboards, large shed/workshop, fruit trees and large self-watering containers. A tree planting session will be held on **Saturday, 7th January 2017**. 10am – 2pm
- Give or Take & More: Still proving popular. Next event has been booked at RVS for **Saturday, 25th March 2017** 11am-2pm

Elected Roles

- We decided that 3 people would stand for Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and that the duties would be shared between the committee as a whole as required. Hilary, Lorraine and Chris will meet up to discuss this further and put forward their suggestions at the January meeting. Voting has been carried forward to January – Jake and Nathan will remain in their current roles for another month.
- Simon thanked Jake and Nathan for all their hard work.

Finances

- Nathan gave an overview of the group’s finances and suggested local grants that we could apply for. The bank account reasonably healthy but we should prioritise raising £500 per year to cover our regular event expenses.
- Sanctuary Housing grant – Simon will contact Kate to discuss the outstanding planned activities.
- Solar panels – Hilary proposed an idea to raise funds, she will email Simon to discuss it further.

Next meeting & group meal

- This will be a brief meeting then everyone is welcome to stay and socialise whilst enjoying a tasty pub meal.
- Menu: <http://www.ye-olde-reindeer-inn-banbury.co.uk/menu/dinner-menu/>