

Banbury Community Action Group

Meeting notes from AGM: **Tuesday, 4th April 2017**

Ye Olde Reindeer Pub, Parsons Street, Banbury



Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 2nd May 2017, 7pm – 8pm**

Thanks for coming: Hilary, Chris (Chair), Mark Dillon (Enterprise), Lorraine (Notes), Harry, Emily, Phillippe

Apologies: Catherine, Lynda

Welcome & Introduction

Chris welcomed the new people to the group.

Car Share

Chris updated the group on the progress made on options of running an independent car club. The key to a successful car club will be to find reliable free parking spaces and finding enough people to initially sign up and use it. The group were happy to go with either option of involving a company on a profit making basis or setting one up independently.

We were joined by Mark Dillon, representing the Enterprise Car Club, who gave us a brief overview of their scheme already in place around the UK. Mark answered a varied amount of questions and concerns from the group – it was a very positive discussion overall with a general feeling that starting a car club in the town is achievable in the near future. Mark is hoping to bring along another colleague to next month's meeting and provide us with more details regarding the queries that were raised.

Give or Take & More Review – 25.03.17

- This was another popular event – 154 visitors, 333kg of items saved from the waste streams.
- The café made £73.50 from donations. Freegle will donate the shortfall to cover the room hire.
- The food surplus café was not popular – will just offer tea/cake etc in the future
- More volunteers are needed during the event and for clear up, including transport. We will follow up with local community youth groups to find another source of willing helpers.
- The outdoor event has been confirmed for Saturday, 24th June.

Safeguarding Policy

- We received a volunteer enquiry from two 14 year olds for the Duke of Edinburgh Award and were unable to offer them anything immediately.
- Harry has offered to look into putting together a simple safeguarding policy for BCAG.

The Great Get Together

- The group are happy to be involved in this event. It is based on a big lunch with arts and crafts activities and encourages the whole community to come together.
- We can offer cooked food, tables and gazebos.
- The community garden team are ok with it being held there on Saturday, 17th June.
- The plans for the day are being discussed and organised by residents on the Banbury International facebook group.

Tesco Bags of Help Grant

- The community garden has successfully completed this project which has now been funded in full from the Tesco bags of help grant.
- The group congratulated Harry and his team of volunteers on their achievement in turning the waste ground into a vibrant space for the whole community to enjoy and grow food to share.

Resource CIT Training

- There will be an online webinar on Thursday, 6th April from 6.30-8pm.
- A link to watch the webinar will be sent out to anyone who is interested and will be available to view at a later date.

Dashwood Academy Gardening Day – 6th May

- The school are looking for people to paint, make things, plant flowers and tidy up the area on Saturday, 6th May. Turn up from 10am – refreshments provided.

Castle Quay – Canal side bin storage area

- We were tagged into a twitter conversation to improve the unsightly bin storage area along the railings overlooking the canal with plants/greenery.
- The community garden volunteers are unable to take on another big task at the present time.

CAG Network Social

- Thursday, 27th April – 7pm – 9pm. County Hall, New Road, Oxford
- This will be the last chance to say to goodbye to Simon before he leaves CAG Oxon.