

Banbury Community Action Group

Meeting notes from AGM: **Tuesday, 6th June 2017**

Ye Olde Reindeer Pub, Parsons Street, Banbury



Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 4th July 2017, 7pm – 8pm**

Thanks for coming: Hilary, Chris (Chair), Harry, Lorraine (Notes), Lynda, Emily, Philippe

Apologies: Mary

Great Get Together / Banbury International - Saturday, 17th June 12pm-3pm

- Bring and Share lunch at Bridge St. Community Garden
- Collaboration with Visit Banbury, Banbury International facebook group residents and BCAG.
- Set up from 10.30am
- Emily arranging to drop off gazebos with Harry/Hilary before Saturday
- Lynda running grow-it activity
- Event meeting planned for Wednesday, 7th June at Bridge St. Garden 7pm

Give or Take & More Outdoors – Saturday, 24th June 11am-2pm

- Outdoor event in Market Place opposite HMV with CDC recycling team
- Emily/Lorraine will meet with Sketts market to arrange gazebo placement.
- Leaflets printed, online promotion has started.
- Harry will provide a portfolio of garden photos.
- Need more volunteers to help set up, stock tables and clear away leftovers.

Car Club

- No further updates from our contacts at CDC.
- We are still looking at different parking options.
- Chiltern Railways are connecting with Enterprise to discuss a potential parking space – updates to follow.

Browning Road Orchard Picnic

- Colin has spoken to local residents about organising a picnic in the orchard.
- BCAG can assist with resources – Hilary to follow up.
- More mulch is required – Harry has a contact.

Safeguarding Policy

- Alice/Chris have discussed this in detail for under 18's volunteering with us.
- Priority for Bridge St. Community Garden as it's common for young people to drop by.
- Two options:
 1. Several people being DBS checked, 2 adults present at all times, plus other documentation such as Risk Assessments etc.
 2. Accept no-one under 18 unless accompanied by a parent/carer over 18.
- DBS checks are inexpensive for volunteer groups.
- Harry will check with the garden volunteers to get some more feedback.

Bridge St. Community Garden

- Managing the garden – needs a rota of volunteers to do short/half shifts for the Saturday working parties and Wednesday evening drop-ins.
- Harry will organise a volunteers' meeting to discuss this further.

Friendship Festival

- The Bridge St. Community Garden was used as one of the venues (21st May).
- It was a first event and overall it was a positive experience.
- Turnout was low but can be beneficial in providing more time to chat with visitors.
- Other venues were RVS in Cornhill and a visit to the Mosque in Grimsbury.

Hanging Baskets

- This year's hanging basket session will be held at the Bridge St. Community Garden.
- Possible planting of baskets for Butchers Row.
- Cherwell District Council will be able to provide us with their leftover stock.
- Planting date – to be confirmed.

Banbury Country Park – Near Flood Alleviation Scheme, Grimsbury

- A reporter from the Banbury Guardian/Bicester Review contacted us for comment on the upcoming planning meeting.
- Jake and Nathan attended a consultation in January 2016 and provided comments.
- We had no further comments to add other than it being a positive addition to the town.

Promotional Opportunities

- **Green Party Music Festival**, Cropredy – Saturday, 16th July 12pm-8pm
- Agreed to reserve a promotional stall for a £10 donation.
- **BYHP Big Lunch** – Sunday, 2nd July 12pm – 5pm
- Unable to provide a suitable activity but BCAG members may wish to attend to help and promote BCAG where possible.

Oxford Green Week

- This will run from 17th – 25th June 2017
- More details can be found at <http://oxfordgreenweek.org>