

Next Meeting: **AGM Catch-up Tuesday, 2nd April 2019, 7pm – 8pm**
Kids Corner Café, Bridge Street, Banbury

Thanks for coming Chris (Chair), Alison, Lorraine (Notes), Colin, Hilary, Lynda, Rosie, Harry, Bob, Hilary B.
Apologies: Philippe

Chris welcomed the new visitors to the group.

1. Finances:

- Hilary provided a brief overview of the group finances.
- A full set of accounts will be available for the AGM in April.
- Hilary will be stepping down from the committee at the AGM – Lynda will take over the role.
- We discussed the orchard and Bridge street finances for tree replacement costs.
- Harry will apply for a Banbury Town Council Grant to purchase a better bin system to separate the waste streams for Bridge Street Community Garden.

2. Give or Take / Electrical Repair Café - Saturday, 23 March 2019

- Preparations and publicity are well in hand.
- Helpers are needed to weigh and sort stock, and clear up at the end.
- Cake donations for the pay as you feel café would be appreciated.
- The Salvation Army don't have any volunteers to collect the leftover items.
- **We need to find someone with a van to attend the RVS Community Centre at 2pm, wait/help to load the leftovers then transport them to the Salvation Army Superstore, Christchurch Court entrance, where their volunteers will unload it.**
- Contact Lorraine if you know of anyone who can help.

3. Wild Banbury Spring Clean

- Their annual event in Spiceball Park will be held on **Saturday, 13th April 2019**
- We currently don't have the resources to run a stall at the event.
- We will offer support to promote the event and engage with volunteers to assist with the litterpick.
- Chris will follow this up with Judith.

4. Banbury Friendship Festival (BFF)

- Bridge Street Community Garden will be the central location this year on **Sunday, 19th May 2019**
- Theme: Sustainability.
- There will be a shared lunch and various activities from several organisations.
- The BFF team are co-ordinating this event.
- We are on the mailing list to receive the meeting notes, please email banburycag@gmail.com if you would like a copy.
- **BCAG volunteer support is required for tidying the garden space during the drop in session on Saturday, 18th May from 11am.**

5. Oxfordshire Reuses

- Oxfordshire City Council Recycling Team are organising a zero waste festival on **Sunday, 16th June 2019** at Oxford Town Hall from 12pm-3pm.
- The event will feature, repair skill shares, clothes swishing, a swap shop, kids' upcycling corner, sustainable café and more.
- The event will be a part of Oxford Green Week. <https://oxfordgreenweek.org/>
- We don't have enough resources to host an event elsewhere in Oxfordshire.
- There is definite interest in volunteers dropping in and assisting with the Town Hall activities.

6. People's Park 100th Birthday Party

- We have been invited to take part in this event as part of the procession or as an activity stall at the park.
- Stall costs are £15-£20 each. **Sunday, 14th July.**
- We would like to have a presence at the event in the park but are limited with volunteer availability.
- Lorraine will follow up with Visit Banbury or CDC to see if they will allow us to tag on to their stall to give out leaflets and seeds for an hour or so.

7. Chairperson Vacancy

- We discussed the Chairperson vacancy including general duties and confirmed that existing volunteers will help anyone new stepping in to the role.
- If the role is still vacant from 2nd April 2019 then we will operate a rolling chair position for meetings until the position is filled.
- Current projects are working well and the co-ordinators will continue to update the main group if any help is required.
- The vacancy is on the Oxfordshire Volunteers website and will continued to be advertised via the newsletter and social media.
- AGM – Chris will provide a brief report.
- Harry confirmed that Kids Corner Café can be used for the AGM meeting.

8. New Meeting Location

- We no longer have use of the Globe Room at the Reindeer pub.
- Lorraine will visit alternative local premises in the Town Centre and update the group at a later date.

9. Bridge Street Community Garden

- General garden updates have been sent out via email. Contact Harry if you have changed your email address.
- The garden volunteers are using a WhatsApp group to plan and chat about the garden. If you would like to be added to the group, email banburycag@gmail.com and we'll put you in touch with Harry.
- The Website project page has been updated.
- The Saturday drop-in starting times have changed.
 - **March to May 11am – 2pm**
 - **June to August 10.30am – 12.30am**
 - **September to October 11am – 2pm**
- A5 Leaflets are ready to print – Liz and Harry will do a leaflet drop in Grimsbury, let them know if you are able to help.
- A girl guides group will be attending a garden session in May.
- The group approved expenses to replace a fruit tree (£30-£40), printing (£22), seeds, compost and paint.

10. Bridge St Garden Volunteers' Meeting

- **7.15pm to 8.15pm Wednesday, 27 March 2019** at Ye Olde Reindeer Inn (bar area), Parsons St.
- Turn up from 6.30pm for a general catch up and socialise if you have time.

11. Packaging Free Shop

- Discussions on this are still ongoing with a small sub-group of volunteers.
- There have been some local discussions around the possibility of opening a zero waste shop in the town.
- We will update the group once any progress is made.

12. Browning Road Orchard.

- Queensway School have been in contact with Colin to arrange for 2 classes to attend the orchard and learn about how to do a butterfly count.
- Pupils from the school initially planted the first orchard and would like to reconnect to it by starting a Forest School.

13. Next Catch-up meeting and AGM

- **Tuesday, 2nd April 2019, 7pm – 8pm** (socialising from 6.30pm) Kids Corner Café, Bridge Street, Banbury.