

Blackhorse Action Group Organising Committee
MINUTES OF MEETING on 12 May 2010

PRESENT

Chloe Herington - Sustainability Lead 2?
Nuria Rodrigues – Sustainability Lead
Michael Leigh - Treasurer
Neil Meads – Webmaster

Apologies from Organising Committee Members unable to be present
Sue Grant – Secretary
Peter Harms – Planning & Development Lead

Ordinary Members

Peter Taylor
Irina Hoss
Caroline Molloy

1. Street Party

Question mark over whether street party will go ahead - Email to be sent round to Irina, Sue and any others not present whether there is the time or energy to organise?

Action: Decide whether to go ahead - email

2. Gardening group - running on empty?

Michael questioned whether key members of gardening group were being overburdened with work? All events organised have been very well attended.

Urgent matter : Organising Saturdays gardening event

Tasks agreed for Saturday 15th event

Before Saturday:

Action: Putting leaflets on trees: Neil: Coppermill, Chester, Londis. Chloe: Hawarden. Michael: Courteney & Cornwallis. Nuria: Edward Rd and ? (my writing is terrible)

Michael: Check with Caroline that email list for Gardening is up to date. Send out reminder to members. / Buy 3" pots x 30 / Call Colin to remind of event

Chloe: Check with Caroline about Acrylic paint & seeds

Nuria: Compost?

For Saturday:

Chloe: Make board with list of jobs for attendees to do (so less instruction is needed) / Bringing spare pots

Neil/Nuria: Hornbeam 9am to get stuff

Michael/Chloe - Set up at Douglas Eyre

Jobs on day: Decanting compost/ Sowing & planting / Make it look good, Mulch, Make circles bigger

Neil to get emails of attendees

Other gardening business:

Chloe suggested potential kids gorilla gardening with seeds / seed bombs
Chloe enquired how easy it would be to post PDF's of help sheets so anyone who misses gardening events can download from website. Neil to post on site + facebook, and look at community gardens presence on Web generally.

Next event: 29th May Janet Hague organising

3. Planning how to canvas residents views / How to be more democratic

Agreed to draft a questionnaire asking residents what they want from residents group and whats important to them. Also what THEY can offer to help?
Michael keen to organise doorstepping with questionnaire but only if enough people volunteer to help. Otherwise questionnaire will go out via letterboxes.

Peter H's suggestions have been added to draft.

Action: Chloe to draft initial questionnaire - Open for everyone to input ideas/adapt

Michael - Find members we dont have email addresses for?

4. Meeting with Claie Coghill whos made contact after election as High Street councillor

Agreed Claire to be invited to start of next BAG meeting to tell us her ideas for improvement of area, and respond to our questions. What action will be taken re Library, car slasher, is noticeboard still happening etc? Further questions may come as a result of questionnaire.

Action: Sue to liaise with Claire (if thats ok with Sue!?)

5. Agree to BAG Pin

Action: Michael, Sue and Nuria plus possibly Neil (find out for sure?) signed document so they need to decide PIN

6. Additional business

BAG fundraising gig: Chloe approached Standard Music Venue about hosting a regular music night. Standard too busy!

Suggested that an alternative to street party would be summer event on Douglas Eyre - All present keen on idea.

A Saturday in August put forward as possible month for event - Aug 21st???

Idea to put on kids stuff/family related during afternoon then a gig in the evening.

Action: Chloe - Check with Colin re Licensing or apply for Temporary Events Notice.

Idea/input/involvement from rest of group very welcome/needed. What do people think about date or idea itself?

7. Date, time and host/venue for next meeting

Unknown?