

First meeting of the A, S & S NP Delivery Group

MINUTES – 16 June 2014

Present: Charles Appleby, Keith Cameron, Patrick Griffin, Margaret Morgan, Diana Tombs

Formation

This meeting was held to formally form the AS&S NP DG as a new Community Group. All those present confirmed their willingness to serve as members. All however also stressed the importance of bringing new people on board from the community to serve both as members and to contribute as volunteers. It was therefore decided not to elect a Chair until after engaging with the local community.

It was also noted that Margaret, Patrick and Diana have met with RBWM (Christine Bateson, Simon Hurrell and Miles Thompson) and they expressed support for our initiative., confirmed by an email. Christine Bateson wished us well and said that she will be putting a proposal to the Council that Community Groups like ours (and SPAE) should be allocated a separate speaking slot at RDC panels.

Constitution

The draft constitution was adopted as proposed, with the option for this to be reviewed and potentially amended when other members join the Group. We should therefore at this stage refer to it as the “proposed constitution”.

Open event/workshop

The top priority being to engage with the local community, it was agreed to hold an open event/workshop and invite as many people as possible to attend.

Ascot Racecourse have kindly agreed to allow us to host this at the Racecourse and the date was agreed as Wednesday 2nd July. Careful thought needs to be given to the format we adopt for this event.

We must get invitation emails out as quickly as possible.

Website and email

The URL www.ascotandthesunningsNP.com has been purchased for the Group’s website. Diana has built the website, using WordPress which should allow us to update it (at least the text!) fairly easily.

We have also signed up for Google Apps for Business which will (hopefully!) be much easier to work with than Yahoo has been. Our email address will be:

DeliveryGroup@ascotandthesunningsNP.com

And this is already live.

Costs

It was noted that some members were already incurring costs (eg for buying the URL and hosting the website). And more costs will be incurred in preparing material for the open event.

It was agreed that a record should be kept of all such costs and, when (hopefully!) the Group succeeds in raising funds, these costs will be reimbursed.