

Minutes of the A, S & S NP Delivery Group

8 July 2014

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

Launch open event/workshop 2nd July

50 attendees plus the volunteers so over 60 people present.

Comments made by people on Post-it notes all captured and will be analysed as part of driving Projects forward.

Plan for next stages:

General strategy for attracting more volunteers should be to focus on specific issues/topics rather than more generically on NP.

Ascot Centre and Ascot Station projects:

Agreed to email those who showed interest saying no immediate action involved but we'll be in touch as soon as things start progressing (eg. when/if some activity around placemaking gets under way). Action DT ASAP.

Biodiversity:

Meet with AA/CP/HH to discuss how to help Wildlife in Ascot gear up to lead the project. Then email those who showed interest. Action DT ASAP.

Better transport and Hopper Bus:

Decided best to treat as different strands of one project as they are inter-related. Agreed we should do some preliminary work to scope out project, collate information already available and suggest possible short term goals (all very open and non-prescriptive); then invite all those who registered interest to a meeting to discuss and hope a team emerges to take it all forward.

Action ALL (specially KC). Scoping meeting 14 Aug (time tbc). Aim to have open meeting first half of September.

MM to contact John Cox to see if interested in joining us (14 Aug as well as Sep)

DT to email those who expressed interest re outline plan and timings - ASAP.

Schools:

Adopt same principles as for Transport/Bus – ie. scoping followed by a Sep open meeting.

Seek to involve JMc and new volunteer from start.

Action ALL. Scoping meeting 14 Aug. Open meeting September.

MM to contact new volunteer and JMc.

DT to email those who expressed interest re outline plan and timings - ASAP.

Community consultations:

Email those who registered interest that we'd be in touch as soon as first need arises. Action DT ASAP.

Other communications

Do a post and email re MacLaren car dealership at Ascot Station. MM to send info to DT to produce.

Agreed we should send out an email re Heathrow tests on flight paths – letting people know what is going on and who they can contact if they wish to.

Planning applications/appeals

All agreed we want to work very closely with SPAE and ensure we don't duplicate what they do. In principle, and in view of our limited resources, leave it to SPAE to respond to all planning applications. NP DG to focus on issues of NP policies and hence on applications/appeals that raise broader/important issues of planning policy.

Short term we've been approached to advise re Kenilworth and Lime Tree Lodge appeal and we feel we must support these. MM/PG/DT to arrange to meet residents concerned.

General matters

- We should do a summary of NP DG status for CB and meet with her (MM/DT) to push for confirmation of the 2 min slot at RDC panels.
- KC to draft something to set out role/status of supporters/participants as part of NP DG's representing the local community
- CA/PG to approach Waitrose to get us included as one of their monthly "local causes" as a means of raising some funds

Costs

DT has spent £48 on buying our URL and on hosting for 2 years.

DT has committed to £3.30/month for Google Apps (our email platform). This is per user; we may need to add a second user.

MM has spent £56 on printing, £10.48 on Velcro and £29.97 on Spray Glue – total £96.45 – all for materials for the open event.

Any other expenses to be submitted at next meeting.

We need to discuss what we do about costs and whether we need to open a bank account.