

Stanton Hill Regeneration Group Meeting (Meeting 1) 19 Dec 2017

Attendees:

Andrew Jenkins

Caroline Mills

Jane Cooper

Lis Reid

Donna Mellor

Louise Rose

Apologies – Tricia

Discussion:

There was a general discussion as to how we start trying to determine what people in Stanton Hill might want.

Donna said that Stanton Hill has been identified by Ashfield District council as one of the priority areas in the locality.

At a recent event, ADC (Ashfield District Council) had undertaken a survey and the suggestions that came back were as follows:

60% wanted to get involved in exercise classes 45% wanted to improve diet, 57% wanted to get involved in local education classes. The majority of people who had responded to this survey were female aged between 35 – 44.

ADC are looking at a run/walk/cycle initiative to be launched in Spring. This will be a family initiative and some cycles will be hired in. Families could run or walk the course and it would be timed differently to the Park Run at Brierley to avoid clashing. The potential barrier that respondents had put in the survey came down to childcare.

The questionnaire/survey itself had been geared around health and well-being. As a result, ADC want to do a healthy eating course for families. There will be a free taster session on 10 January followed by a 5 week course. The course will be free if means tested benefits. The course itself is through 'inspire learning'. There will be an evaluation as part of the course.

ADC are presently working with smoke free Nottinghamshire. (50% of respondents to the survey said that they smoked). As a result there will be mobile unit coming into Stanton Hill when the unit is available.

There is a Mansfield regeneration team headed by Gemma Denton.

Council Initiatives for Stanton Hill are:

Place and communities

Health and Well-being. The challenges are unemployment, skills, education, debt, drugs, housing, transport and the traffic.

Action - Donna to share a list of general facilities around the area.

Donna said that there is a community protection team that have been working in Stanton Hill.

They have implemented fortnightly area checks. This has involved driving/walking around hot spots and talking to main contacts. They have visited the local school to see what affects young people. Many residents seem to be happy with the transport links.

They want a 'help hub' to direct people. They are looking to use a room in Brand Court.

Action – Donna to talk to the Community Team and ask them to get people's thoughts regarding what they would want in the area.

General:

Everyone agreed that facilities have shrunk in Stanton Hill, and also previous initiatives had run out of steam.

It was agreed that the group should use social media as a means of communication to the wider community.

Andrew wanted people to know that All Saints have a very good space for potential use.

Andrew suggested looking at the viability of a credit union.

One of the group's aims could be to break the circle of children in deprived areas who aren't achieving, assuming that any 'simple solutions' could be funded.

It was agreed that it would be of huge benefit to have a focal point/geographical place for help with initiatives/meetings – a central focal place was key.

It was decided by the Group that in order to establish what people might want in the village, was for a questionnaire to be put together and try and get people to fill this. In. Mike said he has templates that he could resurrect. **Action – Mike to dig out the questionnaire and send around to the group for look over. The intention then would be for the group to stand at the COOP maybe at a weekend to try and get people to fill to complete.**

It was agreed that the recent litter pick done a couple of months ago had been quite successful – Jane suggested that we should be part of the Litter 'Spring Clean' this being a nationwide event taking place on the weekend of 2-4 March. **Action – Jane to register for this for Stanton Hill.**

Action - Everyone to help distribute the Eat Well for Life posters.