

Minutes of the Community Association AGM 11th February 2013.

Present: Mark Hubbard, Paul Towner, Liz Pitman, Mo Burns, Tim Ford, Colette Priestley, Kate Abson, Will Vaughan, Helen Lee, Claire Jones, Emily Cooke (WM police), John Bothamley (HCS), Rebecca Semple (SJB Car club), Kate Gathercole (New Leaf energy savers), Marianne May, Glen Storhaug, John and Elaine Underwood, Claire Trumper, Len Tawn (Hereford City Councillor, Central Ward).

Apologies: Adrian Allan.

The meeting followed on from 6 short but interesting presentations. Thanks were made to Tim Ford for organising these and to the Rocket Cafe for hosting the meeting.

Chairman's report: see written report attached.

Community Travel Plan: see written report attached.

JABA: see written report attached.

Treasurer's report: see written report attached.

FLICS: Flics have closed down owing to falling numbers and increased rental but they will be doing one film during Borderlines and hope to re-open in the Castle Green community centre currently being revamped. .

Elections: James Anthony-Edwards had not attended any meetings so was not re-elected. No volunteers for the committee were forthcoming. All other members were re-elected.

Reminder: next meeting 9 Nightingale Way, Monday March 11, 6.30pm.

Liz Pitman February 2013.

CA Chairman's report for 2012

From the Executive's point of view, 2012 has run much as it has done for the last three years, seeking to ensure at the various community activities represented elsewhere in these reports continue to flourish, whilst the executive itself has maintained its background supportive role.

You will read reports from others about FLIX, CTP and Jaba. So on to the detail. The CA executive have met regularly throughout the year, and have tried to both support and encourage the many initiatives that have taken place, and to maintain a sense of cohesion and coordination. They have also of course sought to meet their constitutional obligations by regularly reviewing their finances and correspondence, and will be presenting accounts to the Annual Meeting.

Back to the CA as a whole. As usual, my thanks go to all the team who keep things alive and growing. And my annual appeal too - we would warmly welcome new members onto the CA Exec. If the work of the Community Association is to be kept alive and fresh we need "new blood". Please join us.

Paul Towner, CA Chairman 2012

St James and Bartonsham Community Travel Plan – report on the last 12 months activity 1212-13

For the first half of 2012, the CTP steering group convened its usual quarterly meetings to discuss and progress travel issues local to St James and Bartonsham. But in July 2012, and a recently held follow-up in January, 2013, we tried something different, by inviting officers of Herefordshire Council to update the community - via two presentations, - on their sustainable travel plans relevant to the whole city.

These plans are happening in two ways: the Council is creating a Sustainable Travel Strategy for

Hereford City known as 'Destination Hereford', focusing on identifying everyday barriers to non-motorised forms of travel, such as a widespread fear of speeding vehicles, poor cycle routes, dangerous crossing points etc, so it can work more coherently on implementing lasting solutions; and 'The Greenway' project (Connect2) - which will have especial value to this part of town as it will connect up the south of the city with the north via a bridge over the Wye from Rotherwas to Bartonsham at Outfall Road. After a five year process, this route is due for completion in September this year.

These information evenings have been found to be very useful opportunities to gain insight into the council's thinking as it slowly moves towards a culture of increased equity between road users of all kinds, - school children, the elderly, the travelling worker, shopper, tourist etc. Anyone on two feet or a bike or a kids scooter, or a wheelchair or mobility buggy are all using sustainable ways of travel which need to be better accommodated if our Local Authority really wants to reduce the daily clog of (mostly internal) motorised traffic, its polluting effects, its negativity on the city's retail take, tourist take – and general quality of life of those who live in Hereford.

After these two excellent presentations, we think we can say with some confidence that a sustainable travel strategy is finally beginning to take shape, and we applaud those who are working positively to this end.

Mo Burns, Feb, 2013.

JABA report for 2013 AGM

The JABA 'What's On and News' sheet has been published mostly fortnightly through the last year (19 times in total) and is emailed to those on our mailing list, as well as being displayed on the notice board. The number of subscribers has crept up very slowly, and is currently 111. We would like to increase that further.

However, we have been successful in attracting some advertising and this is offered on a pay in advance basis, with 6 months costing £30. This has avoided previous issues with bad payers and raised £90 so far.

The JABA website continues largely as a diary front page and long term archive - it contains all of the printed JABA's as well as minutes and documents relating to the CA, the CTP and other related areas. It receives a fairly constant 50 or so hits per week, many of them from people who have found Faith Ford's article's on Rotherwas Munitions and Not Forgotten. This has led to interesting emails from people worldwide, some of whom we have been able to introduce to Bill Laws' In Our Age project.

Tim Ford