

NOTES OF THE IDEAS MEETING ON THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST 2015

- Present:** Ali Quas-Cohen, Charles Jolly, Janet Miller, John Atkin, John Fairbrother, Richard Lower, Richard Silson, Roddie MacLean, Tina Heathcote, Viv Marriott
- Apologies:** Alan Thompson, Claire Millard, Dave Carlisle, Helen Davison, Jean Ball, Jim Marriott, John Estruch, John Jansen, Lesley Caddy, Mike Monaghan, Phillip Barton, Simon Fussell, Steve Caddy,
- Introductions:** Dick Silson chaired the meeting, which started with a round of introductions.

1. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The notes of the meeting on 14th July were passed as true record.

2. PROJECTS

2.1 Talking Signposts 2015

Talking Signposts are out assisting visitors whenever someone is available. The rota is a little sparse through August, anyone who would like to join the team and needs a link to the doodlepoll rota, please contact Janet or Tina.

2.2 Ashwood Park Regeneration

A small team is continuing working regularly with good results. Extra volunteers are needed to help clearing the sides of the river later in the summer, a date has been set for this - Sunday 20th September 10:30 to 12:30. If you can help please contact Claire (c.e.millard@sky.com). Derbyshire Wildlife Trust are also planning an event there, jointly with Nestle, on Wednesday 11th November.

2.3 Tour of Britain

We heard just after the last Ideas Meeting that the Tour would be coming through the town centre after all; given the timescale it was decided that a project proposal had to go straight to the Directors for approval - apologies to the Ideas Meeting for this. We have been taking fliers round the businesses on the route, and have a stash of posters to put up in the town and surrounding area. The food stalls are planning on setting up by Turners Memorial on the day. We have acquired around 20 scrap bikes so far, and hope we will get more. Two dates have been set for cleaning and painting them - evening of Friday 14th and morning of Sunday 16th August. Other aspects of the project are still being developed. If you can help in any way please contact Tina - heathcote.foxlow@btinternet.com or 01298 24219.

2.4 Buxton Show

Natalie had asked us if we could run a children's art competition for three days over the bank holiday weekend; the benefit to us would be a free stall where we could raise awareness and sell merchandise. After some discussion it was agreed we would not be able to muster sufficient manpower; Janet will respond.

3 TOWN DEVELOPMENTS

3.1 Station Rd Planning Application

No progress, though in theory we are supposed to meeting the developers soon...

3.2 Crescent Development

Still no news.

3.3 Pavilion Gardens Octagon

Noted that the Octagon will be closing for major roof repairs in October for fifteen months.

3.4 Magistrates Court

Noted that a major review of magistrates' courts is underway, which could result in the Buxton one closing. We believe the lease would simply end and the building revert to DCC, which could mean more space coming available as part of the old Hydro Hotel complex. On the other hand there are clearly implications if all Buxton cases have to be heard in Chesterfield. It was agreed we needed to know more before developing a view on this.

4. FOCUS ON THE IDEAS MEETING

The meeting split into three groups to consider what we want of a venue, the format of the meeting and its purpose. The thoughts of the groups are summarized as follows:

Venue Priorities	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Location	1	1	3
Parking	4	7	5
General quality of the venue	2	5	4
Quality of / facilities in the meeting room	3	4	1
Access to alcohol during the meeting	6	6	6
Access to alcohol after the meeting	5	2	2
Other - Size & Layout		3	

Additional comments:

Group 1: The Railway is fine - presentation facilities, big open room; flexibility in layout. Could car share.

Group 2: An easy way to socialize immediately afterwards is really important, especially for meeting new people and encouraging them to come back.

Group 3: Location needs to be central; socializing after is important but a short walk to a pub would be OK.

Meeting Format	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Agenda - standard/varied	standard	standard framework	standard
Project Update - more/less time	less	less	less
Town Developments - more/less time		less	less
Main Item - more/less time		usually OK	more
AOB - more/less time		usually OK	
Additional Items		Ideas Schedule - keep updated and review every 3 or 4 months	'Any Ideas?' as a regular item

Additional comments:

Group 1: send project updates out with agenda, limit discussion to 2-3 minutes per project; group for new ideas.

Group 2: a different theme each months works well; we go over old ground a lot (but do have to allow for new/non-regular attendees); timed agenda essential, need to be clearer/stricter with timing for presentations.

Group 3: project updates repetitive, possibly send bullet points out beforehand with meeting papers; time needed on town developments depends what is happening, but should be as short as possible; 'Any Ideas' possibly at start of meeting as ice-breaker?

Meeting Purpose	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Priority for turning ideas into projects	More volunteers generally	1. More project leaders 2. More volunteers generally 3. Specific skills	More volunteers, leaders and skills

Group 1: we're very busy, ask for help; invite all members to meeting, just those who not sign up for it; ask more speakers; get to know busy members and their interests and skills; call for items for the agenda; set up closed Facebook Group for Ideas Meeting members; at meetings just update current projects; start with new ideas, so not rushed at the end; display an 'ideas board' to keep old ideas visible.

Group 2: need succession planning for repeat projects, so leaders can move on to new things, possibly set a limit on how many times one person can lead; skills inventory for our volunteers and associates.

Group 3: volunteers generally - chase up? make people aware about doing things: leaders - YES, who? where do we find them? format more participatory, people take part on developing ideas; there's not enough time!

Other general suggestions and Communications:

Consider fixed day/date of the month eg first Monday; more group work in meetings; discussion groups.

Need to balance sending more emails out with not bombarding people

Consider time at the end of each meeting to reflect and ask 'so what?' - ensure any new ideas are captured.

Groups were:- Group 1: Charles, Janet, Richard; Group 2: Ali, John A, Tina; Group 3: Dick, John F, Viv

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

6. FUTURE I&V MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on:

Monday 14th September 7:30pm in the Railway Hotel.

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