



“Working Together for a Successful Stapleford”

Attendees

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| Louise Ashby | Broxtowe Borough Council | Sandra Holdsworth | Breeze |
| Janet Budden | Stapleford Day Nursery | Barbara Demetriou | Andy's Fish Bar |
| Martin Rich | Broxtowe Borough Council | Gary McGrath | Nu Trend Interiors |
| Tom Martin | Age Concern | John Astell | Silk Shades |
| Goff Walt | Resident | Roz Webster –Nobel | M.S.C Ltd |
| Kevin Bethell | Bethells | Brian Wombwell | Stapleford Town Council |
| Barbara Brooke | Stapleford Core Group | <u>Apologise</u> | |
| B.S Sandhu | Telecentre & Co | Nicola Boyles | Broxtowe Borough Council |
| Karen Green | Finbows | Rik Sharma | Stapleford Town Council |
| | | John Lockwood | The Tile Warehouse |

1. Welcome, apologies & minutes from the last meeting

Action 1 – LA & NB met with T&W who have drawn up paperwork on how the litter survey could be carried out, however they have not progressed on this as far as they would like. LA will discuss this with BB outside of the meeting. Unfortunately as NB has sent apologise for tonight this also means that agenda item 3 will be discussed at a later date.

BB informed the group that Stapleford Core Group are doing a litter pick on Saturday 20th May.

Action 2 – Breeze is on the agenda

Action 3 – LA is still waiting for contractors to supply the details of costings for the scheme so far only one contractor has replied. LA needs to make a decision by the end of this month to get the information out to businesses.

Action 4 – LA is still talking to T&W regarding the street furniture.

Action 5 – The yahoo account is now closed

2. Stapleford Town Centre Area Action Plan

MR from Broxtowe Borough Council gave a talk on the Stapleford Area Action Plan. Area Action Plans focus upon development and ensure that any proposals are of appropriate mix, scale and quality for the benefit of the area.

The initial part of the work is already underway and MR has been collecting the evidence base from both existing documentation available and visiting Stapleford. The Stapleford Regeneration Group will become a key stakeholder in this work and their advice will be sought at every opportunity to ensure the best development for the town.

Under the new planning systems, planners are looking at a number of aspects not just that of land but also of health planning, education planning and businesses planning.

During the consultation period partners will have the opportunity to add/create guidance issues that may not have been listed by previous recommendations and also to remove any that are irrelevant.

The 2003 Regional Town Centres Study (February 2003 – East Midlands Assembly) has a number of suggestions for areas of focus in the plans. It also categorised the 61 East Midlands Town Centres according to a number of criteria. Stapleford came quite low in all of these aspects. This raised some concern in the group and felt that unless comparing town centres that are like for like then these figures could be very inaccurate. LA/MR will look at the criteria of how the statistics were calculated.

The Regional Assembly is a tier between the government and districts; the next tier down is then the Broxtowe Community Strategy. LA will put links to these sites in the minutes.

The East Midlands Regional Assembly is currently undertaking a review of the East Midlands Plan to 2026 - Retail and Town Centres. There was the opportunity to comment on choices for the future however, as the deadline for these comments is tomorrow (7/4/06) it provides little opportunity for the group to comment. Concern was raised that information like this is vital to a number of smaller groups and organisations like the Stapleford Regeneration Group but there is a flaw in how the information is filtered down. It is felt that bigger government organisations know about this and can comment but the people who it really applies to, miss out on the opportunity due to lack of information. MR agreed to contact the Regional Assembly to acknowledge the group's disappointment and to ask if the Public Participation Support Service were involved in anyway during this consultation period.

Action 1

3. Breeze Magazine

LA informed the group that Breeze Magazine has gone ahead this month however, it proved very difficult to put together as very few people offered help with content both in terms of ideas and actually writing editorial. Breeze have also found it hard to get advertising from Stapleford Businesses. The group need to decide if it is a worthwhile project to continue with. LA asked if members of the Stapleford Regeneration Group thought that businesses will advertise and also are any members of the group willing to help out with text for future edition. BB is happy to continue writing a history piece. LA can also spend a day on the magazine and Lucy from the Tile Warehouse also helped out with this edition.

KG informed the group that they advertised last time and also have placed a big advertisement (as well as editorial in the April edition) but as it is expensive and they have only had 1 customer from the magazine. They will assess the success of this one to decide if they should continue. KG also said that there have been some mistakes made by Breeze including the incorrect printing of her name. GM also said that there has been no feedback from the advertising or follow up. Originally Sam was going to follow up all businesses from the first edition and distribution was also going to be re-addressed. As Sam has left this has not been done and therefore it's difficult for businesses to agree to advertise when many of them haven't seen a copy of Stapleford Matters, as they do not receive a copy.

However, the group felt that overall it is a good publication that does need pursuing; LA agreed that the next June issues can go ahead (providing help is offered from other sources) as it will be focused on the Hemlock Happening and so hopefully there will be more idea for editorial and as the event is in Stapleford more businesses will hopefully advertise. After then it will go quarterly, with Breezes agreement, providing that more help is given with editorial and advertising pushes. LA will meet with Breeze magazine to discuss June edition.

Action 2

4. Any other business

Message from John Lockwood

Regrettably John has resigned as the chair of the Stapleford Regeneration Group. LA read out the letter to the group. He has sent his apologise, as he will be unable to attend the next meeting but wished the group well.

New Chair

As John has resigned the group will need a new chair, the chair has to be from a business. If anyone wants to put their name forward they should contact LA who can discuss how much time being the chair would take up and what responsibilities they have.

If no one comes forward the group will be chaired either by LA or a system of a revolving chair will be brought in. The Group will discuss this more at the next meeting.

Events

In line with the Stapleford Regeneration Group Action Plan the group were going to link events to those being carried out by arts development at Broxtowe Borough Council. This year they are again carrying out the Stapleford Family Fun Day. Initial ideas are to have a beach theme. If LA can negotiate with retailers on the precinct then hopefully this could be shut for the day (if alternate parking can be sourced), which would allow some fair ground, rides and/or a Punch and Judy show. JB informed the group that the nursery has a car park behind them that could be used. If LA can also get some child safe sand to be delivered and picked up on the day then there could be a space on the memorial square for children. Initial thoughts are that businesses could sponsor the event by placing their logo on flags; these could also then be used in a promotional scheme. Once more detail has been sorted this will also be discussed at the next meeting.

Action 3

Evening Post – Proposed Homeless Shelter

Despite the report in the Evening Post with a picture of the old health centre and letters that have been sent to residents regarding the proposed homeless shelter LA has spoken to Paul Clements and there he has not had an approach for this use for this property.

In a report commissioned by the Loghurst Housing Group a number of sites across the boroughs of Rushcliffe, Gelding and Broxtowe were outlined as potential possibilities for quick access shelters/hostels, however Stapleford is not and never has been the preferred site.

Actions

1)

- LA to list website links in minutes
- LA/MR to look at how statistics were calculated
- MR to contact the East Midlands Regional Assembly, to acknowledge groups concern over the lack of opportunity to consult on the options paper.

2) LA to meet with Breeze magazine to discuss next issue of Stapleford Matters

3) LA to get more details on the family fun event to discuss ideas at the next meeting of how businesses can get involved.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 4th May, 6pm, The Carnegie Centre

Website Links

The East Midlands Regional Assembly

www.emra.gov.uk

The Broxtowe Community Strategy

www.broxtowe.gov.uk/comm_strategy.htm