

“Working Together for a Successful Stapleford”

Attendees

Louise Ashby	Broxtowe Borough Council	Janet Budden	Stapleford Day Nursery
Nicola Boyles	Broxtowe Borough Council	Louise McArthur	Stapleford Day Nursery
John Lockwood	The Tile Warehouse	Cllr Brian Wombwell	Stapleford Town Council
Goff Walt	Resident		
Tom Martin	Age Concern	<u>Apologise</u>	
Barbara Brooke	Stapleford Core Group	John Astell	Silk Shades
Cllr Rik Sharma	Stapleford Town Council	Marla Stringer	Marshall Allen
Barbara Demetriou	Andy’s Fish Bar	Cllr Michael Rich	Broxtowe Borough Council
Gary McGrath	Nu Trend Interiors		

1. Welcome, apologies & minutes from the last meeting

The group introduced themselves to Louise and Janet from the Stapleford Day Nursery, which will open in the spring.

Action 1 – LA has spoken to BB regarding the litter survey but dates are yet to be confirmed as it was agreed that it was best to wait until all Severn Trent and paving works had been completed. NB has spoken to Paul Syson who will carry out the Broxtowe Borough Council litter survey in May. He has suggested that if the Stapleford Regeneration Group survey could be carried out in April the two could then be compared. The core group will be happy to carry out the survey providing the amount of times throughout the day is not too excessive. NB to speak to Paul Syson and see how many times they carry out their survey and for how many days and give this info to BB.

Action 1

Action 2 – The action plan was amended for the Open Evening and is now being finalised by LA.

2. Stapleford Matters/Breeze Magazine Review

The February edition of Stapleford Matters in Breeze Magazine has had a positive response and several businesses have taken orders as a result of the magazine readership. BB has also had some calls regarding the historical articles within the publication.

The group thanked JL and The Tile Warehouse for all the work that they did on the magazine.

The second edition will require a lot more work to recruit advertising as many of the businesses that took out advertising in the first edition agreed to go in as a one off to help launch Stapleford Matters. It is also important that there are a variety of new advertisers in each addition. Content also needs discussing and clarifying as edit for the April edition of Breeze has to be complete by early April.

LA to set up a meeting with Breeze to discuss the next edition.

Action 2

3. Open Evening Review

The Open Evening went well and a lot more people attended than expected from the list of returns received by LA.

4. Retail Right Scheme

LA informed the group of the scheme run by Groundwork Nottingham that is for retailers. The scheme Retail Right provides free assistance to develop environmental management for retailers. The scheme involves three stages.

Stage 1 – A 3 hour environmental workshop held at Groundwork Nottingham to address and raise awareness of environmental retail issues.

Stage 2 – An environmental audit of the retail business and assistance implementing an environmental action plan. The issues will be prioritised and importance of each issue addressed.

Stage 3 – If there is a piece of capital equipment that could be purchased by the business to alleviate/resolve one of the environmental factors outlined in the environmental action plan then Groundwork's will match fund up to £1,000. (All funding given by Groundwork's has to be matched by the retailer.)

If retailers are interested in the scheme they should contact James May at Groundwork Greater Nottingham, 0115 9788212.

5. Hanging Basket Scheme

LA ran through some costings that have been given by Broxtowe Borough Council's Technical and Works (T&W) department for an annual hanging basket scheme. After running through the costs of the basket (£204.00 per year for an existing basket and £250.25 for a new basket, the council could subsidise the baskets by £50 each bringing the cost down but this would still mean a cost of £154.00/£200.25 per basket) the group felt that this cost was too high and business would not sign up to the scheme. The cost is so expensive due to watering, it was suggested that T&W charge just for planting and installation but many of the group members felt that businesses would neglect watering the baskets leaving them untidy.

LA will look at other costings from companies and come back to the group with some revised costing. (Including contacting the Town Council to see if their suppliers could water the baskets for a cheaper cost.)

Action 3

6. Any other business

Street Furniture

BW raised the issue of the notice board in Stapleford. The notice boards in Stapleford look tatty and are being vandalised. They are scheduled to be repaired and painted in the new financial year however it is felt that the notice boards are all outdated with their content and also in the wrong places.

LA informed the group that she has raised this before with T&W who have informed her that to move the notice boards planning permission is required but will raise the issue again.

Action 4

Stapleford Yahoo Address

Cllr Rich has informed LA that the address is not used and if the group agreed the e-mail account would be shut down.

LA will contact Cllr Rich to tell him the account is no longer needed.

Action 5

Actions

1. NB to contact BB with details of how/how often T&W will be carrying out their litter survey.
2. LA to organise a meeting with Breeze to discuss next issue of Stapleford Matters.
3. LA to look at other contractor costings for the hanging basket scheme.
4. LA to speak to T&W regarding possible relocation of Stapleford notice boards.
5. LA to contact Cllr Rich regarding yahoo account.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 6th April, 6pm, The Carnegie Centre