

CCAN Co-ordinator : Projects Update and Report for Area Board

COMPLETED IN 2013

Arts and Culture Chapter for 2014 JSA

Collection and presentation of area wide evidence of Arts and Culture at request of Wiltshire Council. Included community meetings and drafting of the Chapter for the JSA.

Corsham Area Joint Strategic Assessment – Community Event 5th March 2014

Support to the Community Area Manager in arranging the Area ‘What Matters to You’ event including invitation list, input to the initial draft and preparing supporting information.

The issues and priorities emerging from the JSA and the subsequent community discussion will form the basis for future Area Board support and offer the blueprint for possible community projects in 2014.

ONGOING COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Campus Travel Group

Theme: Transport

Start Date: 2011

Coverage: Community Area

Lead: Transcoco Transport Group.

Others involved: Wiltshire Council, Corsham School

CCAN Coordinator Role: Continuity from initial consultation as member of small Working Group. Direct links to the COB and lead for car parking and public transport. Will continue to support through Transition and transfer to a Travel Plan Co-ordinator.

Corsham 2013 Suffrage Centenary Celebration

Theme: Art and Culture

Start Date: August 2013

Coverage: Corsham

Lead: CCAN.

Others involved: Civic Society, Corsham Town Council

CCAN Coordinator Role: Collection and collation of photos taken on the day to be brought together and sorted to produce a commemorative album and commentary for the Town.

Next Steps: Anyone who might have photos to share (we have photos of people taking photos) is invited to send them to kevingaskinccan@hotmail.co.uk

World War 1 Project

Theme: Art and Culture

Start Date: October 2013

Coverage: Community Area

Lead: Corsham Town Council.

Others involved: Parishes, Community Groups including RBL, Air Cadets, Scouts, Civic Society, Pound Arts, Corsham Schools Cluster, and Bath Spa

CCAN Coordinator Role: Supporting co-ordination role hoping to encourage interest, publicise events and to acknowledge key events. Research into local history, family detail behind the war memorial names and information about survivors.

Next Steps: Aim to co-ordinate and support the RBL and Wiltshire Council WW1 event in Salisbury in July. All parishes have been asked to confirm the names on their memorials and to produce commemorative markers for each name. **Further information:** If you have Corsham family World War 1 stories or photos or would like some help researching your family records then contact kevingaskinccan@hotmail.co.uk

Sustainable Homes Project

Theme: Housing

Start Date: November 2013

Coverage: Potentially across Community Area

Lead: Transcoco

Others involved: Potential for links with local business and housing associations, BWCE?

CCAN Coordinator Role: Advice and support – as member of small Working Group picking up the Priority from the Community Area Plan regarding energy saving and fuel poverty. An initial meeting of a Sustainable Homes Group was held in November 2013 with a good level of interest and support.

Next steps: Being considered but they might include further awareness events or learning from experience workshops.

EMERGING COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Katherine Park Lakes Project

Themes: Environment, Health and Wellbeing

Start Date: November 2013 **Coverage:** Corsham – lessons learned could apply more widely

Lead: Katherine Park Residents Association

Others involved: Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

CCAN Coordinator Role: Advice and support – as member of small Working Group to deliver a community self help project to improve the Lakes area and develop a nature trail.

Next Steps: Community meeting with the Residents Association in Katherine Park to help develop a project vision and plan. Intention is to present a project to the Area Board.

COMMUNITY LIAISON

Area Board and Agenda Setting

To represent community issues or suggestions to be part of the Area Board programme.

Community Area Manager and Town/Parish Clerks

Regular meetings and contact with Dave Roberts regarding CCAN support and engagement opportunities. Good contact with Town Council and through Parish representatives but this remains an area where more could be done at a Network level in terms of sharing common issues.

Transcoco

CCAN has always been very close to Transcoco including admin support to the Transport and Environment Groups. Contact remains with Transcoco as one of the 'doing groups' in the Community Area particularly as projects relate to the Community Plan. Recycling, Fair Trade, Corsham in Bloom, Orchards, Repair Cafe, and Sustainable Homes are good examples.

The Corsham Multi Agency Partnership (CMAP) and Corsham Cluster of Schools

Regular member of the CMAP which is an area wide forum that brings together schools and supporting agencies specifically to consider issues relating to the education of children and young people and in particular vulnerable families – good link with schools and to Social Services and other children's specialist support agencies and groups. CAM and CCAN are invited to the next Corsham Cluster Heads Forum in March.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

Corsham Area Transport Group

Member of the CATG representing the Area Network and what was the Transcoco Transport Group. The Transport Group continues to be a useful forum to address related Area Board issues and increasingly to manage funding and responsibility being delegated to the community area level.

First Bus Customer Panel and Fares Consultation

An inaugural member of the First Bus Customer Panel to represent issues put forward by First passengers and ongoing issues from the Community Plan. A passenger forum with bus providers and companies was a community suggestion. A fares consultation has been opened and there are anomalies which affect Corsham and this is an opportunity to represent those concerns.

LOOKING AHEAD

Corsham Area Joint Strategic Assessment – Community Event 5th March 2014

The Corsham Area event to review and discuss the issues from the JSA was held on 5th March and the emerging priorities will form the basis for possible community projects and for future Area Board support.

Corsham Area Arts and Culture

As a 'spin-off' from the piece of work to develop the content for the Arts and Culture Chapter of the Joint Strategic Assessment for the Corsham Area we have the core information for a local directory of groups and organisations that contribute in some way to the community area Arts and Culture scene. This presents a possible project to better publicise what is available and perhaps to better co-ordinate and support events and resources across the community area. This discussion will also connect into the role and opportunity of the community campus

Corsham Business Directory

A suggestion coming from the Chamber of Commerce membership is to bring together a directory of local businesses for the businesses themselves. Local businesses approached have intimated that an area directory would be helpful from the perspective of mutual support, local trading and common services. Research effort would be needed to bring information together from a number of sources.

Community Transport

Still to be fully scoped but there are currently a number of factors combining to suggest that there should be a community wide project to examine community transport requirements and opportunities. The opening of the Campus may provide the most compelling requirement with a need to consider how it can become a real hub for the community area. Discussions are ongoing with Community First and with the Public Transport Unit and it may be that an area wide meeting is the next stage. The Campus Travel Group and Transcoco may be a natural lead.

Corsham Station

Similar to Community Transport the time might be right to re-examine the business requirement to re-open the Corsham Station. In 2013 Wiltshire Council identified the Station as one of its top 10 transport related projects for medium to long term funding but unfortunately the case did not receive support from the Wiltshire and Swindon Local Transport Body which must now approve all funding for major transport schemes. The suggestion was that the case required further investigation and support. A survey and consultation in Corsham and the wider area may be the next step.

Campus Communications

CCAN was heavily involved in the initial consultations over the Campus and with opening of the new facilities scheduled for the summer the need to involve the community over the use of the new facility is key to its success and the network links of the Community Area Manager and CCAN will be part of that process. The RSA, working with the COB, are also part of the process.

Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing planned but as Corsham Town Council have signified support to a Neighbourhood Plan bringing together local community interests and groups it would be appropriate for CCAN to be involved given the wider community input and the evidence of the community plan.

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