



Report to the Area Board 22nd March 2012

CCAN Steering Group

The CCAN Steering Group was re-elected at its AGM in September when we were pleased to welcome Jane Scott as our guest speaker. Jonathon Hope from Corsham Extended Services was elected onto the Steering Group. We have met 6 times as the Steering Group through the year and are pleased to have the support of the Community Area Manager and Councillor Sheila Parker as the Area Board representative.

Work Plan Priorities

1. Developing the Network

Our aim is to connect with as many representative groups and organisations and community contacts as possible and now have a contact list of over 450 ourselves and know that we then link to other distribution lists. This has increased significantly through recent consultations.

2. Community Engagement

The Older Persons event in October 2011 and the JSA consultation event in February 2012 were the major community engagements but representatives engage directly with the Corsham Multi Agency Partnership, Extended Services, Civic Society, Transcoco and CAYPIG. We now use E-Newsletters as our primary form of communication.

3. CCAN Website

The Corsham Can Website went live in June 2011 and the evidence is that the number of 'hits' is increasing. We want to use it more as an interactive channel of communication as the number of users increase.

4. Consulting the Community

The recent JSA event provided a major consultation opportunity and we also took advantage of the Older People's event. The Campus consultation and School Survey provided more direct consultation evidence. We promote relevant Wiltshire Council Consultations and monitor returns which also provide evidence of concerns and issues.

5. Developing the Community Plan

Our priority going into 2012/13 will be to produce an update to the Area Plan using evidence and data from all recent events and community surveys.

Community Campus

We produced a second consultation report in May 2011 that was subsequently used to produce the design principles for the Campus planning and design. Our Chair is a member of the Operations Board as a community representative.

Slipper Exchange

We were pleased to be able to co-ordinate the Information Event for Older People in October 2011 which proved to be very useful at all levels. Over 120 pairs of slippers were exchanged but it also provided a networking opportunity to promote local groups such as Food Bank, U3A, LINK and the popular refreshments from the Country Market.

Community Planning Event

The Community Planning Event in February 2012 brought together over 80 people to discuss community themes and issues from the recently produced Joint Strategic Assessment for the community area. The output will be used to develop an action plan and to update the Area Plan and the opportunity is to build on the ideas and support from individuals and represented groups.

Action Groups

In conjunction with Transcoco we continue to support 2 Action Groups.

Transport Group.

- Produced Design Statement and Travel Plan for Community Campus
- Support to the Corsham Cycle Network and Area Transport Group
- Public Transport – Review of Bus Stops and now engaging with other Area Partnerships

Energy and Environment

- Engaging with the Campus on environmental standards
- Bath & West Community Energy launched with successful share offer and funding to extend schools solar panel programme

Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships

CCAN is part of the County wide forum which promotes and supports all Area Partnerships and increasingly recognises the opportunity for joint working on a number of topics.

We were pleased to nominate and support Allan Bosley as the new Chairman of this Forum.

Expanding the Corsham Community Area Network

We can demonstrate that the Network is growing and becoming more well known but we are reliant as a community group on a reasonably small number of people. The link with Transcoco and their Transport Group and Energy and Environment Group is an excellent model of how we can expand the network through joint working and we would be very pleased to extend this into other themes. For more information about Area Partnerships in general and CCAN in particular please visit our website www.corshamcan.org or contact Kevin Gaskin kevingaskinccan@hotmail.co.uk

