

## CCAN Co-ordinator : Projects Update and Report for Area Board 24 July 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 with particular interest in car parking and public transport. Will continue to support through Transition and opening of the Campus. Planning for a Community Area wide Workshop on Public and Community Transport in the autumn.

#### 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 still have photos to share (we have photos of people taking photos) is invited to send them to [kevingaskinccan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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, Army Cadets, 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 and family detail behind the war memorial names and information about survivors.

**Latest:** Corsham Commemorates website now live and being populated

<http://corshamcommemorates.weebly.com> Stories and events beginning to be added – all names on Corsham War Memorial added by Army Cadets. Facebook and Twitter accounts created.

**Next Steps:** Considering a Heritage Lottery application to bring together all research material about individual and Town stories into one place as a legacy from 2014 – 2018. Recruitment Office to be recreated in Corsham Town Hall and planning a trench re-enactment at the site of the Batters.

**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](mailto: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:** Still being considered – particularly in terms of the legal standing of any group providing advice but further awareness events or learning from experience workshops might be held.

## **EMERGING COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

### **Corsham Area Joint Strategic Assessment – Community Event 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and resulting Area Board Priorities**

The Corsham Area event to review and discuss the issues from the JSA was held on 5<sup>th</sup> March and the emerging priorities were adopted by the Area Board as community projects for Area Board support in the coming year. Community Area groups will be encouraged to take a lead on individual projects and Area Board grants will be linked to the priorities. Meeting to be held with Area Board Councillors.

### **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. Next meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> July. Intention is to present a project to the Area Board.



## **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. Initial discussion held with Director of Pound Arts and with Penny Bell as the new Community Engagement Officer to connect into the role and opportunity of the community campus. Intention is to hold a community wide meeting for all Arts and Culture Groups at the new Campus.



## **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. Communication links are to be reviewed.

### **The Corsham Cluster of Schools**

Dave Roberts, CAM, and Kevin Gaskin, CCAN Co-ordinator, are now to be regular attendees at the Corsham Cluster Heads Forum which includes the Corsham School and local primaries (Lacock is not part of the Cluster and Corsham Primary is not part of the Forum). This will be the prime contact point for links back to the Area Board and for addressing young people related issues. Good meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July to update on the Area Board priorities.

## **COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION**

### **Corsham Area Transport Group**

Member of the CATG representing the Area Network and what was the Transcoco Transport Group. The CATG 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 recent fares consultation across Bath and Wiltshire has resulted in a new fare structure but there are now local concerns about higher return costs.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **Health Forum**

Somerset Care have taken the initiative to bring groups and agencies providing services to adults together and have now held 2 meetings. Good attendance including the CAM, Good Neighbour Co-ordinator, Care Co-ordinator, Food Bank, Stroke Assoc, Alzheimer's, Red Cross. First initiative might be to produce a combined contact list and to look at Discharge from Hospital arrangements.

### **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 the Community Engagement Officer likely to take a lead. Hartham Park and Royal Arthur plans will be part of any solution.

### **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 as part of a wider transport review may be the next step. Keen to work with the SWLEP and Wiltshire Council.

### **Campus Communications**

CCAN was heavily involved in the initial consultations over the Campus and with opening of the new facilities 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. Initial discussions held with Penny Bell as the new co-ordinating community engagement officer.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Corsham Town Council have signified support to a Neighbourhood Plan bringing together local community interests and groups and it would be appropriate for CCAN to be involved given the wider community input and the evidence of the community plan.

### **Time Credits**

Initial meeting held with Spice Time Credits to judge the opportunity to introduce in the Corsham area. Pound Arts is already linked to the scheme to 'spend' time credits – it is already being used in Chippenham – and the facilities at the Campus may offer further potential. Scheme rewards volunteer effort for agreed projects. Further meeting to be held with Penny Bell in her community engagement role.

### **New Projects**

Please contact Kevin Gaskin if you or your group are considering a new community area project and you need any advice on set up or funding support.

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