



AGENDA ITEM 11

GREATER BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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Title: Area Coordinators' Update Report

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RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the contents of the report.

1. Neighbourhood Forum update:

There was one forum meeting held on 11 July (a further meeting to be held on 9th September) 24 local residents attended and the Issues included pedestrian crossings; Inconsiderate parking; Wick road closure; Site working on Sundays at Wick road; Alley gating; Speeding on Callington Road and a number of Environment Issues.

Future Neighbourhood Forum Meetings:

Meeting Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 12/11/2013	7.00pm	Broomhill Junior School
Monday 13/01/2014	7.00pm	St Brendans
Wednesday 12/03/2014	7.00pm	Arnos Vale Cemetery

NDO Engagement Activities:

There were 13 community engagement opportunities since the last Neighbourhood Partnership meeting involving around 300 people from local communities.

A network meeting of local Youth Providers was called to coordinate an application to BYCA (Bristol Youth Community Action) to provide activities for children and young people across Brislington East and West wards during the summer holiday period. A successful application was made to BYCA and this was matched by the Neighbourhood Partnership to deliver activities across the area of a value up to £5k.

A drop-in was held in Wick road Library to promote the Forum meetings and provide information about Neighbourhood Partnerships and collect any Issues from local people.

Site visits included; consultation on a new Trash Screen for the Brook in Victory Park and Runnymede Avenue – to hear the concerns of local residents about Motor Bikes driving across pavements.

Brislington Enterprise College held a Summer Fair which was supported by Neighbourhoods and Community Safety staff, providing information and taking any Issues raised by local people.

2. Neighbourhood Partnership Review

Following the completion of the Neighbourhood Partnership Review in April 2013 and the analysis of the review findings which were taken to the June round of Neighbourhood Partnership meetings, the Neighbourhood Partnership team started the practical work of crafting the change proposals for strengthening Neighbourhood Partnerships and enhancing their ability to get things done.

We had originally planned to have some early conversations about this work with representatives of NPs during the summer, but as you will be aware, there is a great deal of work happening within the Council around how we manage the significant budget pressures moving forward and how the Council will work in the future, therefore this work has been delayed.

As it is important that any changes proposed to how the Neighbourhood Partnerships work will fit with the new organisational direction and structure, we have had to suspend our original timetable for completing our work until we know more about what the organisation will look like in the future.

It is our hope that we will be better placed to bring our change proposals to a wider audience in mid to late October.

3. Active Neighbourhood Transport Grant - Round 3

We are pleased to offer a third round of grants funded through Bristol's Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) as part of its Active Neighbourhoods Programme.

Round opens 1st December 2013

Round closes 28th February 2014

(Please note that all projects must be implemented **before April 2015**).

Grants are available from as little as £500 up to a maximum contribution of £3,000 and funding is limited.

Sustainable travel is important for individuals, communities and the wider environment. On a personal level, it can help us take short journeys on foot or by bike, increasing our activity levels to benefit our health as well as saving us money. For communities it can increase the numbers of people out on the street, making the streets feel safer and encouraging use of local shops and facilities. On a wider level, sustainable travel aims to provide attractive options for young people, commuters and older people alike, as well as improving air and noise quality in our city.

What are the main aims of the grant?

Schemes need to be locally led and support the LSTF objectives by:

- Supporting and strengthening local economies (encouraging people to walk, cycle, or use public transport to travel to neighbourhood shops and services, rather than driving to other locations);
- Increasing physical activity to improve health, through greater use of walking and cycling for local journeys;
- Reducing unnecessary car trips and associated parking/pollution/congestion

Who can apply?

Applications must be submitted by a constituted group, this could be a local resident groups, traders associations, voluntary and community groups, statutory organisations, or Neighbourhood Partnerships.

We are looking for bottom up, community led, projects, whereby project ideas come from local communities. We encourage applications that will address travel related issues within a particular local community, or a local shopping area, or by a particular group of people, with specific needs.

Examples of what could be funded:

Grants awarded in round 1 and 2:

- Lockleaze, Ashley, Easton, Lawrence Hill and St George will benefit from a "Silver Cycling" programme This will help older adults get back on their bikes and rediscover the joys of cycling in a safe and sociable way;
- Greater Bedminster will develop a pocket park and art installation on East Street, to make a popular walking route both direct and pleasant;
- In Totterdown, cycle storage and park benches will be installed part way up the Wells Road, to encourage short journeys to local shops on foot and by bike
- Bristol Bike Project is running a project for young people between 11 and 17 to learn basic and advanced bicycle mechanics. They will apply this learnt knowledge as they restore and rebuild a safe and fully functioning bike for themselves.
- GoodGym Bristol is a new exciting community project whose aim is to use the energy that is normally wasted in gyms to benefit the community as a whole. They organise regular group runs and cycles to community projects during which they stop and help local community organisations.
- Hotwells and Clifton Community Association have renovated the City 'gateway' site of Cumberland Piazza, identifying key cycle routes, constructing information panels, creating webpages to complement each information panel, and put on an event increase the utilisation of existing cycle and pedestrian routes in the area by local people, commuters and visitors.

Two Community Interest Companies have been funded to develop projects to benefit the whole city:

- Roll for the Soul recently opened the Bristol Community Bike Café and Cycle Hub in Quay Street; and
- Playing Out will be able to reach more communities with their after-school street play project.

Other ideas could include:

- Events to encourage people to be more active and use the car less;
- Local groups working together to address particular barriers to active travel issues in their area;
- Grants can support a one-off initiative, or be used as 'seed' money to pilot a longer-term project; and
- Installation of a handrail on a steep hill to aid walking for older people.

These are examples of initiatives that have been previously funded, or could potentially gain future funding. However, be original and creative with your

own ideas. Think about the issues in your local area and what is needed to solve them.

Examples of what will not be funded

We will not be funding any infrastructure projects in this round of funding e.g. laying cycle/foot paths, pedestrian crossings, junction alterations, road widening etc. We will however consider applications for safe routes to schools projects.

Extra funding or match-funding

The grant could also be used as a contribution towards more expensive schemes, if additional sources of money are available (for example a devolved neighbourhood transport grant, other national or local grant funding).

Contact us - for support with your application

If you require advice or support with developing your idea, consulting locally or completing the form, please contact our Community Active Travel Officers:

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If you require any further information about the grants or application process, please contact Janine McCretton on 0117 903 6745, Gill Calloway on 0117 903 6707 email Janine mccretton@bristol.gov.uk or Gill.calloway@bristol.gov.uk

4. Bristol European Green Capital 2015

Bristol was awarded the title of European Green Capital 2015 in June 2013. Only five other cities have received this prestigious award and Bristol is the first UK city to have held the title.

The award was given to Bristol because of its good track record of environmental improvements and its ambitious plans for more. Overall Bristol residents have the greenest lifestyles of any major UK city:

- More walk and cycle to work improving their health and reducing congestion,
- They produce less waste and recycle more,
- They have the lowest home energy bills,
- They enjoy Bristol's many green spaces, and
- Thousands are taking part in community and green initiatives making the city a better place to live.

Winning this award is an opportunity to improve the quality of life in Bristol and to create local jobs. During 2015 Bristol will hold a series of events and activities to celebrate the award with the planning starting this autumn. Ideas include:

- Holding exciting community events that everyone can take part in;
- Funding local projects that make a difference to the environment such as every primary school child planting a tree
- Hosting high profile international visits promoting Bristol and our businesses to create local jobs.

What we would like from Neighbourhood Partnerships?

We would like Neighbourhood Partnerships to start thinking about how they would like to celebrate the Bristol being the European Green Capital in 2015.

Do you have any events or activities planned that can incorporate a green theme? What projects and initiatives would you like to start in 2015 that can create improvements in the quality of life long after the year ends?

We would like to establish a Neighbourhood Partnership working group to bring together ideas for events and activities to ensure that the 2015 programme serves every community and ask that the partnership nominate one member to take part in this.

If you would like to hear more about the Award and how you can get involved contact Alex Minshull, Sustainable City Manager – alex.minshull@bristol.gov.uk

5. Quality Of Life in Your Neighbourhood – Survey

The Quality of Life report is now available. It brings together views from approximately 5,000 residents on quality of life issues annually. Indicators collected with the survey help us:

- track changes in the quality of life in your neighbourhood
- target resources to the areas that most need it
- flag up local problems e.g. rise in neighbourhood noise
- provide evidence for funding bids (e.g. Big Local Lottery funding for Lawrence Weston).

Quality of Life is reported annually and the full set of statistics with maps and 8-year trends 2005-2015 are also available at <http://profiles.bristol.gov.uk/>

This year's survey

On the week beginning 2nd September, 24,000 questionnaires will be sent out to Bristol residents selected at random for this year's Quality of Life survey. Please complete, or encourage others sent the survey to complete.

The quickest and simplest way is online at **www.bristol.gov.uk/quality** and this will save us time, money and resources - you will need the username and password on your cover letter.

Alternatively you can fill out the paper survey by hand and return it to us at the address on the Freepost envelope.

6. Mayor Visit Update

The Mayor of Bristol, George Ferguson visited Greater Brislington on Wednesday 26th June 2013.

Below are the actions agreed with the Mayor's Office following the visit.

Where/Venue	Visit Notes
Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bath Road	NP ACTION: For the NP/councillors to look at how links can be made with the Green Capital programme
Arnos Park, Bath Road/Kings Road	Info only
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Sandy Park Road	MAYORAL ACTION: Bristol Pound Look at promotion of Bristol Pound
Wick House Wick Road	Info only
Langton Road/Bloomfield Road	Info only
St Annes School Langton Road/Bloomfield Road	Info only Saw plans of new build Junior School on old Wicklea site Met with head teacher of infants and school governors Children at the school were excited at meeting the mayor.
St Brendan Broomhill Road	Info only Met with Principal, Youth Mayor and other college students
Broomhill Road (outside Power Fixings)	Info only Business members on tour below of industrial estate.

Emery Road	<p>Info only – but note direct action by local resident who will contact the Mayor’s Office</p> <p>Major issue about the poor state of repair of specific buildings – actions required to improve this for the wider benefit of local businesses – Building owner turned up and introduced himself to the Mayor and discussed that he was going to directly email Mayor about his plans for the building</p>
Bonville Road/Dixon Road	<p>MAYORAL ACTION: Bristol Property Board</p> <p>Residents wanted support to prevent building on the meadows site – Mayor agreed that it was an attractive site, and agreed to raise it with the Bristol Property Board, of which he was chair.</p> <p>However where site allocations were not used alternatives would be required as Bristol had been poor at meeting requirements for social and other housing</p>
Hungerford Road	<p>Info only</p> <p>Mayor observed that the building required significant investment.</p> <p>Being supported by the NP team around their development</p>
	<p>Info only</p> <p>Mayor reinforced his support for children’s play as very important.</p>
Brislington Hill	<p>MAYORAL ACTION: Bristol Pound</p> <p>The owner of the mens fitness business sought advice from the mayor around being more active politically.</p> <p>The wool shop owner discussed the benefits of being a venue for the Bristol Pound.</p>
Tramway Road	Info only
Newbridge Road	<p>NP ACTION: Link with Green Capital</p> <p>Met with Brislington Brook project, Parks Officer and Brook Project Coordinator: information about the Brook, the site of the well and historic references to it.</p>
Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bath Road	End of visit

7. Key Meeting Dates

Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location
September 2013	NP (Jackie Norman)	Monday 16/09/2013	7.00pm	Broomhill Junior School Brislington East
Oct 2013				
November 2013	Forum (inc Environment Group)	Tuesday 12/11/2013	7.00pm	Broomhill Junior Sch
	Well Being Deadline	Friday 15/11/2013	12.00pm	n/a
	Well Being Panel	Monday 25/11/2013	6.00pm	St Peters
	NC/NP Briefing	Tuesday 26/11/2013	3.00pm	Brunel House
December 2013	NP (Mike Langley)	09/12/2013 Mon	7.00pm	Brislington Enterprise College - Brislington West
January 2014	Forum (inc Environment Group)	Monday 13/01/2014	7.00pm	St Brendans
Feb 2014	Well Being Deadline	Friday 21/02/2014	12.00pm	n/a
March 2014	Well Being Panel	Monday 03/03/2014	6.00pm	St Peters
	NC Briefing	Tuesday 04/03/2014	3.00pm	Brunel House
	Forum (inc Environment Group)	Wednesday 12/03/2014	7.00pm	Arnos Vale Cemetery
	NP (Peter Main)	Monday 17/03/2014	7.00pm	Broomhill Junior School Brislington East