

BCR NP STREET SCENE GROUP - REPORT TO NP – May 2016

The NP Committee is asked to note :-

1. that the group would welcome Cllr representation / input from Cotham and Bishopston Wards.
2. that the core group has four resident members but the time and or the physical effort that these members can offer is becoming reduced. More active members willing to join the group are badly needed.
3. that Daniella Radice has been asked to join the group as a Bishopston resident member.
4. that the new NP area of Kingsdown requires the identification of its street scene issues, development of a costed intervention plan and canvassing for Street Champions/ volunteers. The existing group does not have the capacity to do this work at present.
5. that the new ward boundaries have meant that 10 existing Street Champions/volunteers are now in Ashley Ward and 7 in Clifton Down. The group intends to continue cross boundary working where appropriate.
6. that in future there will not be any Street Champion meetings, as these have not proved very productive, but instead action hours, or small group café meetings in particular localities. Newsletters will be emailed to street champions and additionally posted on the BCR website.
7. that it has become evident that there needs to be centrally located secure storage that is accessible to all volunteers. Paint, graffiti cleaning chemicals, litter pickers, brooms, painting poles, brushes, hi-vis jackets, T shirts, recycle box nets, printed materials etc. all require storage. The NP is asked if anyone can facilitate acquiring such storage.
8. that there has been a huge increase in tagging but not just along Gloucester Road. It has been particularly noticeable along Cheltenham road from Arley chapel to the Arches, where most of the residential stone walls have been tagged. Redland Court Road garages are another example.
9. that the increase in tagging may be explained by the “tribute” tagging following the death of a prolific tagger falling from a height on Gloucester Rd, the back lash from the fact that 30 taggers have been prosecuted this year and the Cleaner Montpelier project.

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