

Environmental Working group for Worsbrough Ward Alliance



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| Date & Time: | Wednesday 22nd February 5.30pm |
| Location: | Worsbrough Library |

| 1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees | | | |
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| Chair Person: | | Kath Evans (KE) | |
| CDO: | | Michelle Toone (MT) | |
| Attendees | | Esther Parnham (EP) Cllr Lodge (JL) Mireille Eastwood (ME) Gordon Smith (GS) Liz Barton (LB) | |
| Guest: | | Susan Harrison (SH) David Harrison (DH) John Partridge – Community Safety Officer (JP) | |
| 2. Apologies for absence | | | |
| Cllr Clarke (JC) Cllr Roy Bowser (RB) Adam Roberts – TWIGGS | | | |
| 3. Notes of the last meeting | | Action/ Decision | Action Lead |
| The notes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record. | | N/A | MT |
| 4. Matters arising | | Action/Decision | Action lead |
| | Cameras at Lewden Group reported finding catering sized Nitrous Oxide cannisters in this area. WTG are recording the number of cannisters found as part of their stats | JP asked the group to report the finds via pin on the map MT shared the Safer Neighbourhoods Team email again safer@barnsley.gov.uk This can be used to report suspected criminal activity. | N/A |
| | Mill Academy banking A61 No updates available | JL to follow up with Neighbourhood Services (NS)/ Matthew Holdroyd (MH) | JL |
| | Bins The bin at Worsbrough Village will be repainted in the early summer when the weather is warmer and drier. JL has | JL & MT explained the process for requesting new bins. New requests | MT |

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| | <p>requested an ID number for the bin so it can be reported on the online system if overflowing etc.</p> <p>SH & DH requested a bin be installed at the pull in point at Worsbrough Village.</p> | <p>must meet set criteria within a new framework. Elected Members agree as a collective the location and installation of new bins in the Ward. MT to follow up with NS for an update on outstanding bins</p> | |
| | <p>Mill Academy School Litter Pick KE facilitated a litter pick with the new school council. The session went well. The group collected 9 bags in total.</p> <p>A new volunteer has been identified following the session.</p> | <p>KE to continue to support the school to organize termly litter picks</p> | KE |
| 5. Upcoming Workdays | | Action/ Decision | Lead |
| | <p>The next planned workdays for Worsbrough Tidy Group (WTG) are as follows: Thursday 2nd March – Highstone Lane.</p> <p>Thursday 23rd March – 551 Event</p> | <p>MT confirmed the event on 2nd would be a joint event with Kingstone WA volunteers.</p> <p>MT confirmed the format for the event on 23rd March would replicate the 551 event done in previous years. See AOB for more information</p> | KE/ MT |
| 6. TWIGGS upcoming workdays | | Action/ Decision | Lead |
| | <p>It was noted volunteer activities were on offer every Thursday throughout January and February.</p> <p>SH suggested that the events could be promoted on the Keep Barnsley Tidy Facebook page and the Ward Alliance Facebook page.</p> <p>The dates are shared with WTG members via email and the WhatsApp group.</p> | <p>Twiggs to continue to share updates with group.</p> | Twiggs |
| 7. Hanging Basket & Christmas Tree update | | Action/ Decision | Lead |
| | <p>95 Baskets available to sponsor summer 2023. EP reported that 90% of sponsors are returning from previous years. There are 16 baskets remaining that are available for sponsorship, and these will be offered on a First come first served basis to those on the waiting list.</p> | <p>EP to send MT list of lampost numbers</p> | EP |
| 6. Action Plan/ Priorities for next 6 months | | | |
| | <p>Telecom boxes</p> <p>MT & ME provided an update on the project. Barnsley Academy (BA) have confirmed their participation in the</p> | <p>MT & ME to continue to develop the project alongside the BA and the selected artist</p> | ME/MT |

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| | project. A project spec has been developed and sent to local artists. | | |
| | <p>James Street/ Pantry Hill</p> <p>JP provided an update on work he has already carried out in this area. There are a couple of addresses that he has supported to address issues with contaminated and missing bins.</p> <p>In preparation for a joint Action Day JP would send letters to residents on James Street, Pantry Well and Green Street. As part of the Action Day JP and team would conduct a bin survey to access if there are any missing bins and engage with NS to collect large fly tipping and side waste. Volunteers can support with litter picking, de-weeding and clearing gutters.</p> <p>JL stated that a number of residents had already expressed an interest and were keen to support a clean up day.</p> | It was agreed the event would take place on 15th June MT & JP to invite relevant partners including NS, Twiggs, and Berneslai Homes (BH) | JP / MT |
| | <p>WISH Stones</p> <p>SH was able to share her knowledge and contacts for the site. The site is now owned by the Howarth Estates . It has recently been award SSI status and works are already underway to make the site more secure and stop the illegal off-road bikes and quads. New fencing has been erected where it has previously been removed. The site is managed by Fisher German and the contact is Florence Gilman (FG).</p> | SH shared FG email address with MT. MT to make contact and explore avenues of partnership working moving forward | MT |
| 9. AOB | | | |
| | <p>Overspent Funds</p> <p>KE updated MT on WTG insurance and funding. The group need more funds to renew the insurance. They have a small overspend on current funds for the existing insurance</p> | MT to support KE to submit WAF application for further funding | KE / MT |
| | <p>551 Event</p> <p>This event will replicate previous years. There will be starting points in Central, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough Wards. Worsbrough will have 2 starting points – Bankend and Ward Green.</p> <p>The end destination will be Bluebell Bank Park. Breakfast sandwiches and refreshments will be served.</p> <p>Routes to be decided.</p> | JL to invite the Mayor of Barnsley and Barnsley Chronicle WTG to propose routes for Ward Green start point MT to decide routes for Bankend. | MT |
| | <p>Litter & Environmental Crime Strategy Group – Update</p> <p>KE & EP attended the latest meeting. The main focus was around businesses and their cooperate and social responsibility. The group also looked at enforcement strategy.</p> | KE & EP to continue to update group and feedback any suggestions to the Strategy group. | KE/EP |

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| | <p>4 Year Stats</p> <p>KE circulated a document with the number of bags collected on a year basis from 2019. The number has increased year on year with figures for 2022 doubling from 2019.</p> <p>KE & EP think this is due to an increase in the number of volunteers out litter picking and reporting stats to WTG and the area covered widening.</p> | <p>EP to continue to collect and collate figures</p> | <p>EP / KE</p> |
| | <p>Leaf Clearance</p> <p>Leaves need clearing from Lobwood, Brockfield Close/ John Street area.</p> <p>JL stated this area was BH responsibility and they have a contract with NS to maintain the area</p> | <p>JL to follow up with BH</p> | <p>JL</p> |
| <p>12. Date & time of next meetings</p> | | | |
| | <p>Meetings held Wednesday, 5.30pm at Worsbrough Library</p> <p>19th April</p> <p>24th May</p> <p>5th July</p> | | |