

Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

Minutes for meeting on 25th May 2005, 19h00, Headington Hill Hall

Present

James Bloice-Smith
Tim Chapman
Bob Clarke
Angela Cristofoli
Jill Cummings
Marion Fiddes
Mary Hope
Janet Isaac
Stephanie Jenkins
Arthur Treherne
Harriet Waters
Stella Welford

Apologies from

Sue Baker
Paul Cunningham
Tony Joyce
Kat Luddecke
David Rundle
Mike Stranks
Susan Tolman
Marie Vickers

1. **Minutes** of last meeting held on 27.04.05.
Minutes approved.

2. **Any Other Business**

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

5. Sculpting tree in Bury Knowle Park – the sculpting of the tree has finished and the launch event for the tree was held earlier on today (25th May). There was good coverage through the media and many local people turned up at the event. The seats for around the tree will be sculpted over the summer. There is still some additional funding to be found for the project and it is hoped that the media coverage may help to bring forward some other potential sponsors.

4. **Local travel/transport issues**

4.1 Oxford Brookes transport issues - Harriet Waters, Environmental Co-ordinator from Oxford Brookes attended the meeting to talk about their Green Commuter Plan and related transport issues. The second version of this plan was being written and would focus on:

- Develop and improve alternatives – public transport, cycling support and walking. Leaflets on local walks are available on the Brookes website
- Manage car parking and car use – proposal to move from annual charging to daily charging; introduction of car sharing scheme; link with other organisations (hospitals, local authorities) to potentially expand car sharing scheme
- Improve associated policy measures: working from home; flexible working arrangements; video conferencing

Also Oxford Brookes have recently carried out a transport survey. The results are currently being finalised and a report will be published in due course. The preliminary results show that numbers of students cycling has gone down, whilst numbers of staff cycling has gone up.

Harriet also gave some additional information from Oxford County Council. They are due to consult in June on the outcomes of the London Road Study. They are also working on the development of a cycle network and updating the county wide cycle map. Cyclox are lobbying Local Authorities on cycling issues including the lack of cycle parking. They are currently working on promoting national bike week.

4.2 European car free day / walking to work – Stephanie circulated an updated version of the walk leaflet from Headington into the City. The group thanked Stephanie for her hard work and the production of a very informative leaflet. The leaflet could be used by individuals and it was also discussed how walk leaders may be trained. Tim provided further information on the training, which is linked, to the Countryside Agency and covers legal/insurance issues. The training programme accredited walk leaders and took about half a day. The PCT have a walk leader, Liz Hodgson, and Tim would find out whether she would be able to lead a walk on 22nd Sept. The PCT also produce a walk pack which has details of local walks in the Cowley / Blackbird Leys area. This is distributed via GP surgeries. Tim would find out whether it would be possible to add Stephanie's leaflet into the pack. Stephanie would also make the leaflet available on the HCDA website. Tim will feedback on the training for walk leaders and Mary, Stella and Janet expressed an interest in being trained as walk leaders. Marion also suggested that it would be useful to develop a walk route from the JRH to the Churchill.

5. Headington Guide

A mock up of the guide had been prepared and was circulated at the meeting. James had approached some of the large organisations in the area with reference to whether the guide would be useful for their recruitment of staff. The NOC had expressed interest in the guide and James was waiting to hear from JRH, Oxford Brookes and Nielsen's. Once there was clear commitment from big employers, the next stage would be to approach potential advertisers. The estimated cost of production was around £4000. It was agreed that the guide should cover the wider Headington area and try and follow the boundary of the North-East area and approach the Area Committee as a potential funder. There was further discussion on the name of the guide and also the content, which the sub-group would look at.

6. Headington festival

The programmes were now available and being distributed. There were also posters up in Headington to promote the event. All other details had been discussed and agreed by the festival sub-group.

7. Treasurer's update

Current account is £3,350, savings account is £3,000. Finance from the savings account has had to be withdrawn to pay for the tree sculpture. However income is coming in from Oxford Brookes for £2,500 for the tree and £675 from Oxford Inspires for the festival. Oxford City Council is also providing £1000 for the festival.

8. AOB

8.1 Rethink rubbish – Stephanie brought to the attention of the group the grant available through the Oxford Times for local projects addressing environmental issues locally. Any ideas, please let Stephanie know

8.2 Headington Noticeboards – Arthur asked the group whether another member would be willing to take on the role of keeping the notice boards up-to-date in Headington once Arthur had moved away. Janet offered to take this on and Stephanie agreed to be the deputy.

8.3 Membership issues – it was agreed that from this meeting onwards, agendas and papers for each meeting would only be sent to full members. Minutes would be sent to others who were not full members if requested. All information would be accessible on the website, but any papers to be discussed at the meetings would not appear on the website until after the meetings. Arthur would also discuss with Tony whether any other residents groups may wish to be members.

8.4 Art and Health workshop – Marion circulated details of the Art and Health workshop that is on June 22nd. Mary agreed to e-mail the flyer to members.

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 29th June from 7pm - 9pm at Headington Hill Hall

