

Stanton Hill Generation Group – 24 April 2018 (Meeting no 3).

Attendees:

Mike Vardy, Carolyn Mills, Andrew Jenkins, Louise Rose, Philip Osbourne, Terry Whitehead, Lis Read, Hannah Buck (from Transforming Notts Together), Matt Wright (ADC).

Apologies: Tricia Phillips

1) Current Position:

All residents' questionnaires have been collated and analysed – results are in section 2.

Hannah Buck (development worker for 'Transforming Notts Together'), talked about the work that they do. This is a joint venture, set up by the Southwell and Nottingham Diocese with the Church Urban Fund. The charity works all over the county with a particular focus on places with the highest levels of poverty aiming to support churches to develop what they do in their communities. Hannah talked about what they were doing in the locality, and one of their main aims is that they try and help co-ordinate better what the groups do. One of their first approaches is to ascertain what is good within the deprived areas using an asset based approach, and then 'using what's strong to fix what's wrong'. Hannah talked about the work that they had done in the New Cross area of Sutton in Ashfield.

Matt Wright from ADC was in attendance. Matt's job is helping support local businesses, and at present ADC are offering Business Support Grants of up to 5k. This works on a 'match-fund' basis, in that whatever the business puts in, the grant aims to match the same. As of yet, no support grants have been applied for from any businesses in Stanton Hill. Matt stressed that help is on hand from ADC to help any businesses with the application as it is a thorough process to go through. The group asked Matt if he would provide more information regarding these grants.

Action – Matt to send the information to Mike.

2) Residents Questionnaire Results – what they tell us.

Mike has produced a comprehensive summary of responses. Mike had allocated a 'star rating' of 1 to 5 for levels of importance, and the following lists those items that gained over 3 stars and therefore are of most importance regarding Stanton Hill for the respondents:

- To improve public transport
- To improve the general appearance of High Street and Shop Fronts
- To have cheaper supermarket(s)
- To have a post office.
- The state of the roads are unsatisfactory
- A general clean-up is required
- More police presence is required to create a safer environment
- More facilities for young(er) children are required
- More facilities for teenagers are required
- A general community hub/café/bar/advice and education centre is required.

Of the people who had completed the questionnaire, 46% were retired or unemployed, 24% were employed full time, and 14% were employed part time. 55% were male and 61% female.

The age profile of the respondents were over 51 = 43%, 31-51 = 17%, and 10-33 = 11%. 29% hadn't indicated their age. It had been disappointing that more respondents hadn't been in the younger category.

3) Business Questionnaire – what's happening.

The work on the business questionnaires haven't been completed as yet. Louise offered to visit businesses and help complete these, with potential help from Carolyn.

Action - Jane to print off 50 more copies of the business questionnaire and take for Louise.

4) ADC Regeneration Plan.

Melanie from ADC had sent a Stanton Hill High Street Regeneration Plan to Mike which he had distributed to the committee. Whilst the plan had been produced in Sept 2016, it was still at 'draft'. Several of the priorities and targets had already passed the deadline date(s). There was discussion regarding how valid the plan was if it hadn't been adopted.

Action, Jane to contact Melanie to ask whether the plan had been adopted by ADC.

5) Brand Lane S106 Plan

There was discussion regarding the Section 106 monies and where the monies were to be allocated to as much of this would be going outside of the immediate area. The group decided that we should try and get the monies diverted and put into Stanton Hill. This to be discussed at the Management Committee Meeting and Forum.

Next Steps:

- Louise suggested setting up a Facebook page just for Stanton Hill. Jane suggested herself to be a secondary administrator for this. It was agreed that the work be done regarding the business questionnaires in the first instance.
- Louise to update the community asset list.
- There was discussion regarding an 'open event' community day, to take into effect/account all of the activities that the various community groups do. Mike Vardy to email Rob Gifford to talk to him regarding the suggestion for the above.
- Mike to contact Paul Roberts and Helen Ann Smith for co-operation regarding what the Stanton Hill Generation Group was trying to do.

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Jane suggested setting up a litter pick for May – date to be agreed and communicated.

Terry talked about the facilities available at the Baptist Church for the residents of Stanton Hill and the surrounding areas.