

## **Bold Vision Committee 5.2.13**

### **Minutes**

**Present:** John Knepler, Stuart Bell, Sheridan James, Asker Husain, Susan Edwards, Deborah Huisken, Catherine Shovlin

**Apologies:** Amos Folarin, Pinky Sidhu, Patricio Forrester      **Minutes:** SJ

#### **1. Minutes**

No matters arising.

#### **2. Review**

##### **a) Cafe**

Various anecdotal reports – feedback has been encouraging re service and atmosphere with some concerns raised over food. Overall very positive.

b) **Big Lunch a huge success** – great range of people (lots of new folks), food and music. Reportedly the biggest “Big Lunch” in the Borough. Zumba and line-dancing hugely appreciated. Great job by Susan, Stephen and Jacqui. Some lessons to be learnt for next year – more signage, clearer indication that toilets at the Centre could be used. It’s not a Bold Vision event – but Bold Vision could have a more concrete presence (stall, newsletter). Would be good to co-ordinate more formally all the partners (THC/ St C’s/HS/GW). Suggestion that Jane Hartley is paid to attend so that there is greater oversight in terms of Centre. Suggestion to that there are volunteers on hand to ‘receive’ the food as it arrives.

NX Big Lunch was attended by 100 people on the Saturday. Spread over a more diverse area – church, playground and street, but also went well.

c) **NXL** – drafting lease, everything has been agreed, just needs to be processed. The lease is for 3 years.

d) **Common Growth** – currently without a lease, despite CS best efforts. Council dragging its feet.

e) **Mixer** – That creative project has been successfully completed. BV’s finances do not currently allow us to underwrite another project like that.

f) **Grow Wild** – Going well, has helped Common Growth. Contract lasts until March 2014. Currently working on Cloister Gardens, Sunflower Project, Marmalade Mondays etc

g) **Sommerville Adventure Playground** – Round 2 of lottery application for a new building has gone off. Clare Sharpen and John Knepler involved. It was mooted that Clare could help us with our fundraising. Decided that we need to work out what we are fundraising for (item for Agenda in July) and then ask her to work alongside us.

### **3. Financial position**

Stuart talked us through the accounts (Year ending Sept 2012) and they were signed off. Accounts will be put on web site and emailed to the contact list. Action: CS.

BV will start to pay rent to Church in June. SJ to organise setting up that process.

BV report was discussed and the clarity of it was appreciated by all. The issue of the spread of the workload was raised – at the moment many of the projects are ‘headed’ by only two of the BV group. We discussed an event in the autumn that would be fun, but also an opportunity to promote the work of BV.

### **4. Contract for Cafe**

Stuart to email cafe tender document and the model contract for “community cafe” to Deborah who will work on a contract for the HS over the next fortnight. It will then be discussed with J & S with a view to completing and signing by the end of the month. Part of this contract must include the quality monitoring of the food and cafe experience and a suggestion box, with a simple suggestion card in the cafe.

It was also suggested that we should appoint someone from the Bold Vision Group to act as a liaison person with the cafe. Asker agreed to take on this role. This supportive/bridging role would consist of:

- Holding a monthly meeting with J&S the week before the BV meeting
- Listening carefully to the needs and concerns of J&S
- Food/Event Review
- Giving a formal update at each BV meeting

This role would begin immediately. JK to contact J and S and AH to then begin the role and meet with J&S.

### **5. Fundraising**

Indian night – all in hand. 25 tickets sold so far. Posters to go on trees this week. SJ to co-ordinate. Encourage people to book.

JK to talk to Catherine Edwards about a classical music fundraiser in the autumn.

Item for agenda at the next meeting – “What are we fundraising for? What is our next project”

### **6. AOB**

1. CS had emailed a report re New Xing just before the meeting. To be discussed at the next meeting

2. CS informed us of a project by RSA which they would like BV to incubate which is about helping older people to feel less isolated. They are in conversation with JOY and others. It was suggested Sarah Carter who did the Tea Dance at the festival should be involved.

3. Induction Pack – It has been raised that it would be good to put together a BV induction pack, so that as people join the BV group they can more effectively engage with what BV is doing. Some graphics, showing the various projects and their relationship to BV would be appreciated. Item to be discussed at the next meeting.