

Hanover Action December 17th 2019 Meeting notes

Present: Simon, Elaine, Les, Kristoffer, Ian, Sarah, Dinah, Jackie

Apologies: Paul, David

With people perhaps a little despondent following the recent general election, the meeting started with a broad discussion looking for positive actions to help re-energise and seize the agenda for future change.

A wide range of suggestions for possible events, projects, actions or future discussion were made, including *desire to work with / help Council to see that Hanover could be a 'pathfinder' to pilot ideas in – if we are savvy enough to get the support:*

1. Waste – recycling, reduction, reuse, minimisation issues

- Problems with Veolia contract: This could be improved upon
- Problems with recycling: there are still big issues around recycling and appreciation of the council position to avoid collecting some items (plastics for eg) where there was no viable market or limited sustainable processing methods available.
- Ways to support reduce/re-use should be prioritised – could be have an event and invite Cat Fletcher and Claire Potter to help explore how this could be taken forward?
- Action aimed at Sainsburys/Amazon and others to reduce packaging at source.
- Can we work with the council to set up a behaviour change pilot project offering individual support and incentives
- Compost: could we set up a rapid inverter composter like the one at Ebenezer Church perhaps with a cafe or similar compostables creating business? Or street composting in some form
- Can we consider food waste?
- The council service is not very creative, imaginative or radical – how can we encourage and push for new methods and ideas.
- Could we improve upon the informal 'street treasure' or look at a more formal 'library of things' as per Frome
- Street bins look ugly – can they be painted with prettiness eco-messaging or something?

Actions:

- Elaine to send info sheet on recycling to go on the website.
- Plan an event for later in the year – May?
- Sarah will get a Library of Things info pack from Frome
- Ian will do drawing and talk with HCA about creating space for informal sharing at the Centre (NB recycling space managed by City Clean on behalf of council)

2. Pledges for action

- 10:10 has changed its name to 'Possible' and has a campaign based around pledges - <https://www.wearepossible.org/> could we do something like this or join the campaign
- Could we focus our website on campaigns? (YES - aim to be resource and forfrom One Planet Living - Ian Mac)
- Local pledges – take beef off the menu at schools was suggested – potential issues as dietary guidelines include meat.

Actions:

- Elaine to look into school dietary guidelines

Sustainable buildings:

- Could we support/promote insulation projects and advice?
- Promote Sustainable buildings
- Promote loft insulation

- Are there government grants?
- Heat pumps are good and there grants but good insulation is needed first. See recent item in the Directory by Tom Kis - https://issuu.com/sussexmagazines/docs/hanover_directory_november_2019_issuu (p25)
- Should we have a sustainable home event?

Bike storage

- Frustration that council hasn't taken this forward or shown any real interest.
- Need to pressure put pressure on through the Local Transport Plan and Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure plan which will be out for consultation in 2020.
- We need to run a pilot.
- We need to think about management issues – Cycleoop may be expensive and they have dropped off in interest. Can we look at Community management or a hybrid cycle hoop/local person model? HCA manage two spaces and probably wouldn't want to take on any more
- BikeHub/Bikeshare should be approached

Actions:

- Simon to keep us in the loop re council consultations
- Jackie to chase up Andrew Rawlison (BHCC) and talk to cycle hoop
- Simon to talk to Duncan re Bikehub / Bikeshare involvement

Trees

- Getting very frustrated that we have money and additionally funding from the ward councillor budget but the council is unable to deliver.
- Simon reported back from Plant Your Postcode meeting with council and CPRU. The council is finding it hard to recruit a tree team but is working on this. Council have £200k to spend on trees and are working with PYP on a strategy – this is likely to be easy win replacement street trees initially and trees on council land. Simon has made links and will continue to make sure Hanover Action plans and input are highlighted.
- How about a longer term re-verse Elm Grove project – removing tarmac and concrete and returning the verge to planting?
- We want to plant at least one tree this season – before April

Seed swap

The event last year was great and we should do it again. We should start planning it in Jan/Feb and run it around May.

Actions:

- Simon to keep us in the loop re council consultations
- Jackie, Kristoffer and others to get together a planning group to meet in January.

General events

We should aim for:

- Plant swap event
- Recycling/resource use, Library of things event?
- Street play, modal filtering participative event
- Support for the community Forum proposed sustainability event in the spring

AOB:

We should continue with the monthly 7:30 Tuesday meetings and Simon will make the bookings for next year.

Should we have themed meetings/guest appearances? Not sure – an item for future thinking.

That Ian and Simon would review minutes and get draft with timetabled actions for the year out to core group for comments (ie this doc)

2020 Action Plan

	Theme (Bold = Open Meetings)	Who	H Directory	Who
Jan	Firming up this plan	Ian / Simon	Describe our ideas, ask for help, detail 4 events launch cover of Directory competition... Launch NEW Website	Ian
Feb	Tree planted		Plants – publicising Swap	
March	Plant Swap	Kristopher, Jacky (Talk to Russ at HCC)	Recycling/resource use,	
April			Publicising Sustainability event Front cover Joint article with Community Coalition?	
May	Community Coalition Sustainability event. B Festival Cat Fletcher, Bike, Share Sustainable Transport XR ACTIVE event at HCC ('Utopian' visual ideas for Hanover modal filtering, pocket parks, beautiful bins..)			
June			Launch resource share	
July	Eco exhibition / talk at HCC? BESCO (Kyla) Insulation Heat pumps etc How recycling works...			
August	Street Party Create / support one?			
Sept			Trees	
Oct	Something (HCC Beer Festival)			
Nov				
Dec				