

Core Group Meeting 19 August 2018

Present: Deborah Knowles (Membership Secretary),
Maggie Chamberlain (Administrator), Suzi Conway (Treasurer),
Pat White

Venue: Deborah's place

Minutes of last meeting on 7 July 2018 were approved.

Matters arising;

List of website issues – Maggie action

Has any research been done? re. discussion at last meeting? – Lucy not present at meeting. Action - Deborah/Lucy

Deborah was to contact Mary/Letslink – Deborah action

1. REPORTS

• Membership

Deborah said one person came to the new member event on 25 July but needs to do a website application.

Deborah wants to stand down in her Membership Secretary role at AGM

• Administrator

No report

Maggie wants to stand down in role at AGM

• Treasurer

No report

2. PLANNING

Website

Website hosting – Contract ends in September 2018. Discussion about the website and hosting of or looking at more user friendly alternatives.

Maggie raised issue about group emails via the website and some not being received by members and not getting 'bounced back' messages if the email is no longer in use.

We lost a lot of members while waiting for the website to be fully functional

AGM

Date is set for Saturday 29 September

Maggie suggested two possible venue rooms – Deborah to look at

Discussion and preparation for the AGM:

General background update to be given on the last year

Membership report

Treasurer report

how the website is going and issues, hosting contract with LetsLink,

Should the Bright Exchange continue or not?

Deborah to present the 'for' and Pat the 'against' proposals with research.

For – If we continue then we will prepare a more concrete action plan for the next year.

People are losing a sense of community and we all need this

Local, ethics.

Against - Core group have been busy in their roles but the general membership has not shown interest in helping out. If no one comes forward to sit on Core group it is likely to fold.

Role of social media and competition with other websites doing similar things but in a different way.

What to do with money in account if we fold. Maggie suggested donating to a Homeless charity.

General - Could we transform the Exchange into something more current?

What is our identity, how can we develop?

Annual accounts to be presented – Suzi and Deborah

Suggestions of a trade table, swops, plants etc. and raffle

Any Other Business

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday 21 October 2018 11.00 AM at Deborah's