

Victoria Road Group
Meeting held on Sunday 15 January 2017

Present: Pen, Sally, Jonathan, Alfred, Jessica, Anna, Mike, Mick, Philippa, Ali and Sam
Mary, Paul, Sue, Jean

Apologies: Gordon, Mireille, Barbara

1. Minutes: these were accepted as a correct record.

2. Matters arising

Insurance: Paul renewed the public liability insurance in time for the Christmas drinks and at a significantly reduced rate.

Branding: Sam had instructed a designer to produce some ideas to make the group's materials stand out more. Sam will pursue before the next meeting.

3. Review of Xmas drinks and carol singing

There had been a good crowd for the singing. Accompaniment from Dick and Peter was appreciated though the accordion was a bit dominant for some singers. Perhaps just flute for next year. Thanks were recorded to Penny and Derek for hosting the Christmas drinks - we were all warmly welcomed and it was a very successful evening.

4. Report from 7 Roads group

In order to coordinate with the 7 Roads we took note of upcoming events:

- talk on the Silk Road, 26 Feb
- Safari Supper, 6 May.
- Big weekend event, 8/9 July
- Quiz sometime in the autumn.

5. Events for 2017

- a) Media madness on 3 - 5pm, Sunday 5 Feb, at Mike and Mireille's house. Actions: Paul will write the publicity leaflet and Jonathan will print on green paper, Mick and Sue will distribute by 21/22 Jan. Text to include forward dates for other events coming up and instructions to deliver donations in the morning (books, CDs, DVDs, Vinyl, games and jigsaws). Other actions: Mike and Mireille to set up, Clarkes and Lewises will provide urn and mugs; Jonathan and Mick will take books leftover to bookshop – note Jessica has bag tags to gift aid.
- b) Garden Party: 16 July. Sally and Jonathan offered their garden which was gratefully accepted.
- c) Green balloon day on Saturday 13 May. Suggestions had been produced by a small group before the meeting to refresh the event. It was agreed that the plans would create more work but on the whole the group thought that it could be supported and would be an improvement. Cake and soft drinks for the children in addition to the bar was agreed. There was a view that tea and coffee might be offered as well, but this would create more work and would have to be thought through. In principle the Group agreed that a partial closure of the Road should be put in place and Ali would pursue this (Lucerne to King's Cross). Idea of a

bike-mending workshop was supported and games would be welcome. Noted Alfred had a good idea for a beanbag game. A small group coordinated by Ali and Mary would continue to work on the project. Volunteer leaders for the different activities were as follows: Paul - drums; Mary - cuttings; Alfred - beanbag game; Jonathan - photos; Philippa - pet show (Sue available on the day); Sam - bike/small repairs workshop; Mick - games curator; Sally - auction with Ali as auctioneer. Wet weather plan is to hold it on the Sunday.

d) Safari supper: date agreed Saturday 21 October

6. Any other business

- a) Financial report: After the cost of the Christmas party (£89) there was a balance of £409 comprising cash £82 and bank balance £326.
- b) Lists: some confusion about 2 mailing lists in operation. To clarify, one list is to send out official VRG information; the other is a smaller general information group. Jonathan administers the lists and would send an email out to ask people to confirm their preferences for inclusion on one or both.
- c) New residents No. 27; Illy and family at Hilda's old house, Jonathan and Anna (2a); for welcome pack - action Jonathan to speak to Vicky about the currency of the pack before it is given to new residents

7. Date of Next meeting: 12 March, 4.30pm - 6pm, at No. 46.