

Meeting : Congleton Youth Forum – Meeting No.31

A sub group of The Congleton Partnership.

Date : Wednesday 23.3.16

Time: 3.30pm

Location: Eaton Bank Academy.

In attendance : Glen Williams (Chair), Helen Weeks (Cheshire Police), Lisa Alcock (Cheshire East Community Engagement Officer), Matthew Jones (Youth Committee) C.Eckersley & A Bailey Congleton High School) J.Maddock (Cheshire East Youth Support) & M.Smith

Guest : Wendy Cotterill (Tesco Congleton)

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
2.	Apologies: I.Bartley, E.Sneyd, J.Money, K.Browning, K.Hatton, L.Minshull ,L.Whitaker, L.France, S.Gurbuz & S.Foster.	
1.	Welcome & Introductions. Glen welcomed everyone to the meeting special welcome to Adam Bailey and Wendy Cotterill.	
3.	Minutes of the last meeting (2.2.16) / Matters Arising. The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting 1.12.15 Matters Arising. Item 1. Secondary schools student representatives. C.Eckersley to discuss with secondary schools student representatives to see if they would be happy to get involved with this forum. CE still having difficulty in making contact with EBA, she will keep trying. CE to contact G.Williams if this proves to be an issue.	C.Eckersley to contact GW if still an issue.

	<p>Item 1. Skateboard Coaches. Leohna France had reported back that her contact did not do coaching. Lisa Alcock agreed to check with Middlewich if they had anyone they used to support their annual skateboarding event.</p> <p>Item 6. Stitch Ltd. K.Carney cannot send out their report until it has gone through their channels. Will follow up at a later date.</p> <p>Item AOB. Secondary Schools to let MS have contact details of their Art and Drama Teachers.</p> <p>CHS:- C.Blundred (Music) & Gill Davis (Drama) EBA:- MS to contact S.Gurbuz for details.</p>	<p>Lisa to check with Middlewich re coaches.</p> <p>MS contact S.Gurbuz direct.</p>
4.	<p>Update from Mike Smith.</p> <p>Cheshire East Youth Support Service – Independent Life Skills Project</p> <p>Bromley Farm Fri 12.30 to 3.30pm.</p> <p>Arise Cheshire East: GO Project.</p> <p>Drug Proof Your Kids. 6 weekly course, Wed 7 to 9pm CHS</p> <p>Visyon – Fellowship House.</p> <p>Full weekly programme sent out.</p> <p>Bromley Farm Wellbeing Hub</p> <p>Full weekly programme</p> <p>Congleton Youth Committee</p>	

	Jeanette Whitehurst Award Application.	
5.	<p>Mental Health / Substance Misuse.</p> <p>The meeting split up into 2 groups to discuss the subject above by looking at:- What were the issues. What offers do we believe are out there /current solutions. What are the gaps in offers that need to be filled. What collectively can we the Youth Forum do to address some of those gaps.</p> <p>Grp 1. Difficult subject (Mental Health) to assess. Wide ranging for suicidal tendencies to just having a bad day. No survey being carried out at CHS, just action what is raised at school Outside speakers have been used in sessions/ assemblies. Student leaders could do a session on MH (Mental Health) Matt knows of someone who's brother suffers from MH issues has made a video that may be worth viewing. 1st step if someone has a problem is to talk to his or her tutor, it can be referred on from there. Some students try to hide issues from parents, need someone else they can talk to. Some Macclesfield schools have appointed councillors that come in a couple of days a week to address this. Not happening in Congleton. Need to look at this issue with year 5 & 6 primary schools, stop it developing. Visyon did run a MH workshop at CHS a few years ago, it was well received. Workshop need to be interactive to improve participation and interest. Need to ask other "Youth Organisations" ATC/Scouts/Guides St John's for their views.</p> <p>Action G.Williams to pull together the ideas from both groups and then discuss with G.Hayes what CEBC is going to do around the issue.</p> <p>Lisa to send out a link for KOOTH</p>	<p>GW discuss with GH, CEBC's plans</p> <p>LA send KOOTH link to MS</p>

	<p>GW/GH to get EBA to contact CHS student forum</p> <p>Wendy indicated that she could do an awareness day at Tesco (main store) could provide a stand at the front of the store, give out leaflets , information etc. Kevin, Lisa, June could put a day together on this.</p>	<p>GW/GH get EBA to contact CHS</p> <p>Organise an awareness Day at Tesco?</p>
6.	<p>Congleton Carnival – Sat 16th July.</p> <p>Funding support available for Youth Based Groups form will be sent out with instructions</p> <p>MH and GW looking at developing a “Youth Zone”</p>	<p>Applications for some funding support to MS on form provided.</p> <p>MJ / GW work up Youth Zone idea.</p>
7.	<p>In Bloom.</p> <p>As in previous years The Partnership has put in a small amount of funding to support youth groups wanting to get involved in the towns’ In Bloom activity. This year we are representing the North West in Britain In Bloom, with the RHS judges arriving in Congleton Mon 8th August.</p> <p>An application form and guidance notes will be sent out to all members.</p> <p>Let’s make Congleton shine.</p>	<p>Applications for some funding support to MS on form provided.</p>
8.	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>Lisa. Queen’s Birthday – CEBC will soon announce funding for street parties.</p> <p>Lisa. Public realm improvement will it be visiting the secondary schools for their input?</p> <p>Issues reported around Princess St. Base jumping back of Argos / Simply Retro. Can June and Kevin raise this issue with their young people they come in contact with, advise them of</p>	<p>Kevin / June Princess St issues.</p>

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	Meeting Dates. Tues 26th April – Congleton High School (TBC) Wed 8th June (TBC)	