

Meeting: Dementia Friendly Congleton Meeting Minutes 26.10.22

Date: 26.10.22 **Time:** 1:30 pm **Location:** Congleton Town Hall

In attendance: Diane Ritherdon, Glen Williams, David Morris, Cathy Dean, Adriana Jaracz, Jonathon Gribbin

Item	Agenda Item/discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introduction.</u></p> <p>Diane welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Gail Gittings, Catherine Sale, Emma Richardson, Claire Sheard, Lynda Williams, Margaret Butcher.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Lions Award</u></p> <p>David notified the group that the Lions put forward The Dementia Friends Goody Bag project for a Kindness Matters Award which has won the District Award.</p> <p>“Nominated at the club level, the Kindness Matters Service Award is a challenge for Lions and Leos to develop exceptionally innovative and creative service projects with the aim of leaving a positive impact in their communities.”</p> <p>The project now gets put in the national competition; David wants to thank everyone in the group as it was a joint effort.</p> <p>David will provide a press release and social media posts which the Partnership can share.</p> <p>Noted during the meeting was how successful the project was, and when delivering the goody bags it was the conversations you had with people, sometimes on the doorstep for 30 mins. Small things mean a lot to people!</p>	

	<p>**Could we look to repeat the project?** Thoughts, please.</p> <p>Possible funding, we could apply for is the Community Police Fund.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Manchester University Dementia Research</u></p> <p>Anita Davies from Manchester Uni is keen to talk to the group about the dementia research the university has conducted, but we felt it was unfair to join us with small numbers. We hope to confirm for the next meeting on Tuesday 13th Dec at 2 pm.</p> <p>Please reply and confirm your attendance so we have an idea of the numbers.</p>	ALL
5.	<p><u>Update Activities Leaflets</u></p> <p>New edition for the Activities Leaflet winter/spring, to include the cost-of-living crisis information, from the Congleton Cares Group.</p> <p>The previous printer might not be able to print the leaflet this time, Cathy to check, costs could increase.</p>	Cathy
6.	<p><u>Media Coverage</u></p> <p>There was a press release sent to the Congleton Chronicle for National Alzheimer's Day which got back-page coverage, this generated calls.</p> <p>Social media coverage is ongoing, but people feel that they are not seeing the posts, please like, share & comment when you do see them as it helps get extra reach.</p>	

7.	Dementia Friends Ambassadors Due to the change of strategy at AZ Diane is now the only registered ambassador in Congleton. Diane has held two private Dementia Friends sessions at Plus Dane & Funeral Home.	
8.	Dementia Strategy The publication 'Things to Think About After Diagnosis' ... a spin-off developed whilst waiting for the sign-off of the main Cheshire East strategy. It is a basic document, to be issued at the diagnosis stage, to which will be added local info and activities for Congleton. Comments please, to Diane, by the end of November.	
9.	A.O.B Bromley Farm time-out group is very successful, very close to the limit of 8. Looking at the possibility of opening another group. AZ – Promising research from Alzheimer's society about a new drug which can slow down the progression of the disease. Next meeting Tuesday 13th December 2 pm	