

Battle Health Pathway Project Group

Minutes of the meeting of the Battle Health Pathway Project Group held in The Almonry on 3rd January 2018 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Sue Burton, Meg Beckett, Val Green and Glenna Favell (Battle Town Council)

Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from John Boryer

Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes from the meeting on 9th November 2017 were reviewed.

Matters arising not on today's agenda

SB and GF have updated the website.

SB and GF will draft an article for the Battle Observer. However, there have recently been two articles with photos in the newspaper.

SB is not following up the TVC offer of trees at this time.

Rosettes are expensive, so **GF will look into iron-on logos for tee shirts.**

Hub Cycles has declined to donate to BHP, but Bespoke will be making a £200 donation. A third request is outstanding.

SB will be meeting with Claverham Community College School Council later in January.

Project update

GF will mention offer of visit by BTC to the cycle track in Eastbourne.

The group will endeavour to visit leisure pathways e.g. Lewes.

The group will consider lighting.

Update from Battle Town Council

GF reported that the December Council meeting minutes record that she had "reminded Members that the original request of the Environment Committee for the recreation ground project (café, pavilion and pathway) had been £30k for 2 years but that, to keep the precept increase to a minimum, it had been agreed to adjust this to £20k for 3 years."

Since GF had not been able to attend the meeting of the Recreation Ground Working Group, SB reported there was a desire for BBFC, BHP and BTC to work together. BHP will retain its website and continue with its own fundraising and publicity. BHP will continue to work to raise £22k as the community contribution for the Pathway.

Publicity, Flyer, Materials

There are 117 followers on Facebook. Since photos work well and are liked, group members will send any useful photos to VG. VG will check with Carol Harris before posting any news about BTC funding.

SB reported that Dale was able to host up to six websites for £60 and that, as one was vacant, SB had worked with him to set up a new website for BHP (£10 for website and £8 for domain name), rather than just buy a domain name as previously agreed. Dale will be the Administrator and is kindly donating his time. GF will have editing rights.

GF will post a news article directing followers to the new website a week before closing the Hugo Fox website.

SB is considering applying to BTC for grant towards updated flyers. Graham Brown has offered to help with the design. SB has given him previous designs.

Since rosettes are expensive (minimum 75p each) **GF will research stickers and badges. SB will add this cost to the BTC grant application.**

A banner suitable for fixing to the front of tables is available.

SB has designed a poster to advertise the pump track. The group felt that illustrations should show a finished track and that the track should not appear to be too big. **SB was asked to design a poster for the Pathway, too.**

MB suggested that BHP should advertise the BHP at the 'Out of the Blue' running event at Ashburnham in May.

Account update

SB is keeping a record of where funds are coming from. There is approximately £7,552 in the accounts.

Community Contribution

SB has approached Battle Abbey School. As most of the students are not from Battle, the management will consider her request for help with fundraising.

SB stated that she did not have a preference, but had concentrated on raising funds for the cycle skills element of the project as it was area with the smallest cost, allowing for a larger proportion of the cost to be raised.

SB has designed 'Thank you' certificates.

Barracloughs has a collecting box and GF has still to make one for a B&B business.

'Selling' a metre of pathway for an fixed amount to attract donations was considered, but a method of acknowledging funders needs to be agreed. MB was not keen, but GF felt that the memorial stones at the Swan or Globe Theatre and the engraved glass wall in the Ashmolean Museum were a wonderful way to remember someone. It was agreed that **SB will take this to the Recreation Ground Working Group** as it may be possible to install something suitable at the rebuilt Pavilion.

Outstanding Funding Applications

Senlac Rotary Club will be making a donation.

SB has applied to Tesco Bags of Help for funding towards the cycle skills area because it is the smaller item within the overall project cost. The application is currently on hold because BHP cannot guarantee to raise £19k in the next six months. (The area will cost £42k. Tesco awards £1k, £2k or £4k towards schemes on condition that they are completed within a year. The remaining funds (up to approximately £20k) were expected to come from the money set aside by BTC.)

Concerns were raised that the funding from BTC may not be used in an equitable way if one party within the scheme was further ahead than the other one. GF responded that it is possible that BTC could allocate the funds in a manner that would get the best outcomes for the project as a whole.

Future Fundraising Events

BHP will have a table-top at King's Church on 10th February. The group will collect suitable items of good clothing and bric-a-brac.

King's Church will also hold a boot sale as a fundraising event for BHP at a later date.

The Tesco bag pack will go ahead on 3rd March. VC has not yet responded regarding her availability to organise the event. It is hoped that B&L, CCC, Guides, Scouts and Air Cadets may be able to help. Seven adults and 20+ children will be needed from 10.00 to 13.00 and then 13.00 to 16.00. Biscuit tins will be covered to collect donations in. **SB will contact BBB to enquire if they have more suitable receptacles for BHP to borrow.**

SB hopes that an off-road running event will be organised.

The Emmanuel Centre might hold a fundraising event. **MB will send Paula Foord's email address to SB.**

SB suggested trying to hold a fundraising event during each month of 2018. However, the group felt this was too ambitious.

There is no more news regarding Super Circuits.

There is no more news regarding a Quiz Evening

AOB

MB is keen to get new, younger blood into the group. The group would be very pleased to welcome new members.

Time and date of next meeting

Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 19.00 in The Almonry