

NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF CLEAN TEAM PRESTWICH (CTP) HELD ON 14/3/2018

ATTENDEES:

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien; Mike Wingfield; Artur Koral; Barbara Hodgson; Jacki Turner; Rob Trueblood; Neil Martin; Gill Boyle; Autumn Depoe-Hughes; Roger Liddy; Christine Rogers; Paul Rogers

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:

Mike Wingfield, Chair

Neil Martin, Secretary

Barbara Hodgson, Treasurer

INITIAL FUNDING:

Cllr Eamonn O'Brien confirmed that initial funding of £250 would be provided from the 5 Labour Councillors to help establish CTP. It was agreed that this funding would be used to purchase 4 Wybone bins that can be attached to poles, and to fund signage

AIMS OF CLEAN TEAM PRESTWICH ESTABLISHED:

To keep the urban areas and green spaces of Prestwich clean

To take direct action by organising litter picks and fundraising for new bins

To involve and educate the public and local businesses, and work closely with similar community groups

To lobby local councillors and decision makers to secure their commitment to help achieve our Aims

ACTIONS: (owners names in red)

1. Purchase and Install Bins

- Research functionality and cost (including fitting/installation) of bins available to buy
- Find out the current collection route for Prestwich and liaise with Pete Burns from Bury Cleansing Services
- CTP members to purchase and sponsor a bin through Just Giving Page
- 4 Wybone bins to be purchased from initial funding - locations to be identified/installation needed/Bury Cleansing Team to be consulted to ensure bins are emptied
- **Cllr Eamonn O'Brien** to provide an update on the provision and installation of the new bins for Prestwich that have already been purchased by the Council

2. Arrange regular litter pick ups

- Fortnightly weekend litter picks organised via polls on FB page
- **Barbara Hodgson** to identify if there's interest for litter pick ups during the week
- Encourage FB members to take the Bury Street Care pledge to get their own litter pick equipment
- Ask for volunteer area ambassadors responsible for providing equipment and promoting litter picks within their area
- Engage with local businesses to provide incentives for volunteers on litter picks, eg provision of hot drink/water; discount vouchers for food/drink after pick ups

- Engage with other groups to provide volunteer pickers, eg scout and guide groups; local schools; Six Town Housing (suggested by Jane Black)
- **Cllr Eamonn O'Brien** to see if Bury Council can provide a gutter cleaning machine to clean Drinkwater Car Park and entrance

3. Engage with prospective councillors before May election

To lobby prospective councillors in the May elections. Invite them to our next meeting. Ask them what they are going to do to make Prestwich cleaner and support CTP in our aims. Get CTP members to send a copy of the letter to the councillors and/or add their signatures to the letter

- **Gill Boyle** to draft letter to be sent to the prospective councillors Wording to be reviewed/ approved by Officers before issue
- Post letter on CTP Facebook page / How can we get FB members to add their signature?

4. Promote CTP and publicise our actions

- **Mike Wingfield** to ask CTP Facebook members for logo ideas
- **Mike Wingfield** to look into setting up a website and/or blog
- Design and put up signs promoting the work of CTP. Include photos of bags collected / before and after pics of cleaned areas / request for public to join CTP
- Upload an interactive map on the website to plot new bins; plot new signs; get public to identify grot spots; plot name and location of area ambassadors; plot locations of future litter picks
- CTP sticker to be designed and printed to be put onto new bins
- Engage with local press and social media pages to promote litter picks

5. Make contact with other local community groups to work together and share best practice/experience

- Research what groups are out there and contact points, eg
 - Friends of St Marys Park - share equipment / storage
 - Salford Community Leisure - manage the football pitches at Drinkwater park
 - Forestry Commission - lease Drinkwater Park from Bury Council. Contact details for Ranger to be provided
 - Any support available from Keep Britain Tidy charity?
 - Other Clean Team groups, eg Middlewich Clean Team

6. Support Bury Council and local businesses with the Prestwich Pledge

The Prestwich Pledge is a work in progress and is being organised by Bury Council (Eamonn O'Brien and Gill Youlton) and local business Basil & Lily (Anna Moss) to help keep the High Street clean and safe following the recent investment

- **Cllr Eamonn O'Brien** to ensure CTP is included in the Pledge
- Meeting to be arranged with key individuals to agree how CTP can support the Pledge
- CTP to be empowered by Bury Council in order to approach local businesses
- Plastic Free Pledge (reduce single use plastics, eg straws) to be promoted to local businesses as part of this action

7. Lobbying

- Widen the roles of Council staff to allow individuals, eg parking attendants, to police the streets and fine litterers
- Employ an organisation to apply fines and enforce payment
- Name and shame / prosecute fly tippers
- Encourage and increase public reporting of fly tipping

8. Raise Funds

- Set up a Just Giving Page to purchase CTP bin
- Research and identify what sources of funding are available and how/when to pitch - eg, Tesco blue counters; Co-op Group Community fund; Parklife etc
- Pitch for funding from the Council's Improving Green Spaces Fund - available now - to improve the look of our green spaces; provide barriers (to stop scramble bikes entering Drinkwater park); signage, bins etc

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

25th April 2018
Rufus Bar
7.30 pm - 10.00 pm

Prospective Councillors to be invited