

Minutes from B.E.S.T. meeting Wednesday 6th February 2013

Present: Graham, Richard, Anne W, Sue C, Eddie, Marie, Annie, Ali E, Timothy, Tim, Collette

Apologies: John & Sue P, David & Margot Checkley

<p>Give and Take - 16th March Bucket on door for donations, and also suggested contribution of £1 for electrical goods to pay for their being safety checked.</p> <p>Sue had provided leaflets for distribution at the Panto and Annie has done posters / fliers to distribute round town and surrounding villages</p> <p>Annie is compiling a list of helpers and their jobs. Several non-BEST people have kindly agreed to help out – Linda, Shirley & Colin, Lin B and William Croft. With Annie and the Pilkingtons (who between them in the past have taken most of the large unwanted items for disposal) missing on the day it will be essential for helpers to stay till the end and help to clear the Town Hall.</p> <p>Important not to let anyone take goods before 10.00am, and to keep an eye out for dealers taking things before people have even finished unloading them</p> <p>Stallholders to be given information and forms to record weight of items</p> <p>Hope to be able to arrange to set up tables in the Town Hall from 4.30 on the Friday evening.</p>	<p>Eddie Annie, Sue, Anne</p> <p>Annie</p> <p>Everyone</p> <p>Eddie, Tim</p> <p>Anne</p> <p>Annie</p> <p>Anne, Richard + ...</p>
<p>Stock Exchange Tim reported that the owner of The Gallery was happy to run this, so best not to interfere</p>	
<p>Bentham News</p> <p>March: Plug for next Green Café – Farming Today, plus reference to e-mail from John Vendy about B&Q removing pesticides containing neo-nicotinoids from their shelves</p>	<p>Richard</p>
<p>Website Collette has created a website framework using WordPress – she will circulate the address of it. Anyone in BEST can contribute pages by e-mailing Collette to get access. Open access for comments, but Collette will “moderate” i.e. check that everything is appropriate for publication before allowing it to appear on the site.</p> <p>Competition for a background picture – send photographs of Bentham to Collette</p>	<p>Collette</p> <p>Everyone</p>
<p>Recycling: Annie WILL do a poster or two to let people know these recycling services are available at Town Hall, Toobies and Spar. Investigate collecting printer cartridges</p>	<p>Annie</p> <p>Graham</p>

<p>Thermal imaging. Still looking for people in BEST who want to train to use this – Richard is keen & will e-mail round to see if anyone else is. Also need to contact other groups</p>	<p>Richard Annie</p>
<p>Links Tim is now a member of <i>We Are Bentham</i> so can keep us in touch.</p> <p>Our grant application to Bentham Town Council was turned down because they thought we were all from Tatham. Need to go to council meetings to up our profile – Annie will go to the next one on March 4th.</p> <p>FOBS – need for clear signing of loos on station, and finger-post directing people to the town. New information board on station which we should remember to use.</p>	<p>Tim</p> <p>Annie</p> <p>Richard</p>
<p>Green Café Has now changed to Wednesday – usually second but sometimes the first! Feb – Birds and the environment March – Farming Today April – Garden Share Scheme (invite people from Lancaster Garden Share to talk about how it works)</p>	<p>Annie</p>
<p>Food Group Will organise a Local Food Week 17 – 26 August. <i>We Are Bentham</i> will join with us to organise a Beer & Food festival over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Meeting with them to discuss this on Feb 13th</p> <p>Food Group to meet on Tuesday 5th March at Annie's 7.30</p> <p>Lancaster Garden Share information will be very useful as a template for us. Eddie will scan the leaflet and circulate it. Garden Share Scheme needs two or three people committed to organising it.</p>	<p>Anne, Annie Richard</p> <p>Food Group</p> <p>Eddie Ali, Anne</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting Thursday 11th April Horse and Farrier NB new time 7.00pm Sue C to chair</p>	<p>Sue C</p>