

Workshops at SCF Public Meeting / Inaugural AGM



Tues 17th January 2017

At the Public Meeting / Inaugural AGM held on Tues 17th January 2017, attendees divided into 3 groups based on preferred interests to discuss ideas for the following 3 priority strands:

- Developing a plan
- Models for Running the Common
- Richer Engagement

Below are the notes transcribing ideas from each of the groups for appraisal / follow up by the working groups to be developed for each of these strands.

DEVELOPING A PLAN GROUP

Raw idea / comment
Toilets
Ditches – lack of maintenance
Appreciation / awareness / promote importance
BBQs – how to manage / control?
Children’s needs all over site – not just at play area
Keep natural character
Young peoples’ needs
Limit commercial use / events, pop concerts, quiet
Some cycle paths, some just for pedestrians, take examples e.g. Holland (ask Jerry Gillen)
Cycling and pedestrians – evidence base for issues?
Link to other Council plans and strategies: transport infrastructure / health and wellbeing / tackling inequalities
Proper maintenance – routes / underpass / tarmac paths
Formal sports pitches?
Litter bags / more waste bins
Quiet areas, to sit
Education areas – improve Hawthorns offer
Money from Rock Concerts and other large events, where does it go?
Suggest: Architectural competition for Hawthorns
Limit use to limit damage?
Litter bins for big events / busy days / all summer
Accessibility and entrances
Car parking
Need to include all stakeholders otherwise won’t be supported by SCC
Addition of specimen trees

MODELS FOR COMMON MANAGEMENT GROUP

Raw idea / comment
Free bags by entrances for litter / dog waste
BBQ areas / sites
Engage and discuss with staff working on site to identify tasks that they would like SCF to undertake to help them.
Develop Volunteer Programme - litter picking / clearing paths and ditches etc.
Toilets
Ditches cleared
Tidy up entrances and overgrown edges
Boating lake unsafe / dirty
Concerts and Pop concerts?
Bring back Education Areas
Rat Patrol - how to "market" - Control / Cull / Kill - target areas Lovers Walk and by Duck Lake / Cemetery
Condition of paths / ditches / ruined grass area
Prioritise The Hawthorns
No theme Park
Paddling pool
Concerts?
Policing byelaws?
Transparency with respect to event monies allocated for improvements
Picnic tables and benches
Funfair
Recycling bins

RICHER ENGAGEMENT GROUP

Raw idea / comment
Stakeholders – SCC needs very wide engagement if SCF is to have legitimacy and influence (from Cllr. Satvir Kaur)
Peoples Panel as questionnaire (Cllr. Satvir Kaur offered)
Conflict resolution between groups – everyone is a stakeholder, foster mutual respect and consideration
Use word of mouth, trusted social media
Priority - exploit large events for publicity / awareness (e.g. on event ticket back / mailings
Develop The Common as a brand, foster appreciation of the resource across all stakeholders
Categorise and prioritise stakeholders for engagement – fitness groups / events / student sports groups etc.
Foster mutual awareness, love and appreciation of the space
Priority target, vulnerable youth groups, charities working with vulnerable groups etc
Undertake a survey on the common, talking to users over summer
Engage University – use its communication facilities to access students and schools forum (John Walsh, UoS offered)
Universty has lists of cyclists using its secure storage
Need communication and transparency for legitimacy
A reliable, easy to access conduit for SCC and policy information
How to capture / engage with the diffuse groups / informal users (Cllr. Satvir Kaur offered help)
Council email alert system with database of 100,000 resident contacts
Identify the priority groups for engagement
Noticeboards on Common
How to engage with the picnic groups?
Community groups for ethnic communities, e.g. local Polish Association
Recognise the need for “give and take” from the outset to accommodate all stakeholder groups – manage expectations
Engage with / develop links with My Journey and Sustrans
Exploit social media expertise and use within student population (John Walsh offered to try to ID folks willing to help)