



Notes from:
Dronfield 2gether Champions Meeting
Thursday 22 March 2018, 10.00am-12 noon
Dronfield Library Meeting Room

Present:

- Shelley Hinson (Chair) – dronfield2gether@dva.org.uk
- Sandra Herman, Friday Night Youth
- Jackie Boon, Dronfield Girl Guides
- Louise Hall, Derbyshire County Council Public Health
- Debbie Cookson, DHF
- Tracey Conroy, Cycling 4 Everyone
- Alastair Meikle, Chesterfield Cycle Campaign, Cycling Without Age, Wheely Fun Wheels, Inclusive Pedals
- Lynne Keeton, Dronfield Cupcakes/Tropic
- Alison Lloydall, Working Together for Older People project, Age Concern
- Andy Aram
- Andy Gore, Dronfield Baptist Church/Churches Together
- Stevan Chambers, MacMillan Safe and Sound Project/Chesterfield Volunteer Centre
- Natalie Whittaker, Registered Homeopath at Dronfield Health Clinic
- Jude Milburn, Rykneld Homes
- Angela Lobley, Derbyshire Scam Watch

Shelley welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. She gave a summary of the purpose of the group – about how we can work together as groups, or individuals, organisations or businesses for the mutual benefit of the residents of Dronfield to create a happier, healthier town. All ideas are welcomed and shared.

Shelley let everyone know that the next **Living With a Long Term Condition** course in Dronfield (based at the Library) will start on 17 April. For more information phone 01283 210107 / 07487 257187.

Derbyshire Scam Watch – Angela Lobley: Angela gave a talk about the awareness raising work of Derbyshire Scam Watch – a partnership project funded by the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner to provide support and information around scams. Partners in the work include Citizen's Advice Bureau, Trading Standards, Age UK, etc.

Angela talked about:

Scam victims: 3.2 million people per year fall victim to a scam. The average victim is 74 years of age and loses around £1,000. However, people of all ages fall are targeted and in some cases life savings are lost.

Impact of scamming: Scammers target the elderly and the isolated. Falling victim can deepen isolation and cause deep feelings of shame and embarrassment. The impact on health and wellbeing includes loss of confidence, inability to trust others, stress and depression. Some victims go without food, take out loans and remortgage property to cover losses.

Examples of different forms of scam: Lottery/prize draw, romance, clairvoyant, catalogue, pension and investment, charity etc etc etc.

Derbyshire has a Digital Police Community Support Officer (PCSO): James Land

Members of the public can report any current scams they become aware of to Angela: alobley@nedcab.org.uk / 01246 868838 / mob 07925 643 050.

<http://www.derbyshirescamwatch.org.uk/>

Facebook: @derbyshiresw

<http://www.thinkjessica.com/>

Lynne Keaton

Lynne is a small business owner in Dronfield who is part of the local business network which meets regularly at The Jolly Farmer. She talked about her two businesses: “Cupcakes of Dronfield” – she has had particular success with producing cakes with corporate logos – and “Tropic Skincare” – natural skincare products. She recommended people to use the “think dirty” app to find out about the chemicals used in every day skincare products.

Sandra Herman, Friday Night Youth

Friday Night Youth offers a safe space for young people to meet together and “hang out” in Dronfield on a Friday evening. It is based at Dronfield Baptist Church and run by volunteers from Dronfield & District Churches Together. Sandra gave a potted history of the group. It began life as a drop-in of 15-20 young people on a bus, which affectionately became known as the “Jesus Bus.” It has grown over the years and currently has circa 120 x 13+ year-olds dropping in every Friday. The group aims to have a ratio of 1 adult:10 young people and really needs some new volunteers to enable it meet demand. Sandra appealed for volunteers who are able to give a couple of hours a month on a Friday evening between 8.00 and 10.00pm. Anyone interested can call the Baptist Church on 01246 291856.

Louise suggested contacting the local Multi Agency Team and possibly linking up with Rachael Price at Remedi. Tracey suggested talking to the university about recruiting student volunteers. Lynne said she may be able to offer some time to this, along with her husband. Jackie said she would pass on the details to the Guides Leader to see if any of their leaders may be interested. Jude offered to promote the opportunity through Rykneld Homes via Twitter.

Alistair Meikel, Chesterfield Cycle Campaign

Alastair gave a summary of his work locally in promoting cycling and cycling routes in Chesterfield and north east Derbyshire through the Chesterfield Cycle Campaign. The group has 300 members who receive regular newsletters and e-bulletins and around 12 members generally attend monthly membership meetings. He spoke of the Campaign’s liaison work with Derbyshire County Council Highways and Countryside Service and the ambition to create a north/south cycle route between Whittington Moor roundabout in Chesterfield and Clay Cross.

Alistair provides bikeability cycling training for school age children through his “Wheely Fun Wheels” project. This is taken up by all the schools in Dronfield. He is also a Director of Inclusive Pedals CIC – a project to enable people with disabilities to be able to cycle. This takes place in Queen’s Park in Chesterfield in the form of two-hour taster sessions on specially adapted tricycles and 4-wheeled bikes. There is a charge to attend.

Derbyshire County Council’s “County Rider” scheme provides up to 8 hours of cycling training to adults living, working or studying in Derbyshire free-of-charge. This scheme can be used to receive training on the bikes available through Inclusive Pedals.

Cycling without Age <http://cyclingwithoutage.org/> – this project originated in Copenhagen and has spread all over the world. It helps older people in care homes to enjoy being out in the fresh air on

a bike, using adapted trishaws. Alastair is applying for funding for an electrically assisted trishaw for a one-year pilot project, with the aim of recruiting young volunteers from the cadets and Duke of Edinburgh programmes to pedal it.

At this point it was noted that there seems to have been a change in attitude at Sainsburys in Dronfield and they are no longer as supportive as they used to be of community activity on or near their site.

The discussion then moved on to the proposed cycle route between Dronfield and Unstone. Tracey and Alastair brought the meeting up to date with developments and the time scale for a decision to be made – which will be the DCC Cabinet meeting on 26 April.

Tracey to send the name of the DCC Officer who is involved, so that those wishing to express support can do so. Note: this is alan.marsden@derbyshire.gov.uk.

Great Dronfield Get 2Gether

Shelley shared details of the evaluation report produced following the event in November and asked for feedback and ideas for a future event, which will probably be in October 2018.

The main items of feedback from round the table were:

- the approach of attendance by referral was too narrow and not inclusive
- it should be a “drop-in” event
- the referral process did not start early enough
- needs a broader publicity approach
- have a mix of “service users” and “others” attending – would potentially get more volunteers that way.

Jude informed the group that a similar event is currently being organised in Eckington.

Lynne suggested informing care agencies about these events.

Shelley asked that if anyone has any ideas for the October event they should email them to dronfield2gether@dva.org.uk

Steve Chambers, Chesterfield Volunteer Centre – Safe and Sound project

The Volunteer Centre’s Safe and Sound project is a finalist in ITV’s Calendar News People’s Choice awards. The winner of the award and a prize of £40,000 is to be decided by public vote. CVC is collecting votes via postcards and Steve collected votes from those present. Please support this local project by voting for it when online voting opens.

Alison Lloydall, Age Concern – Working Together for Older People

Alison explained Working Together for Older People project and her role in supporting clubs and groups for older people in north east Derbyshire. Any group which would appreciate a helping hand with issues such as governance, funding or membership recruitment should contact Alison: Mob: 07860 785946 email: alison.loydall@hotmail.co.uk

The next Dronfield 2gether meeting is on 24 May 2018 in the Library, 10am-12noon.