

# **Wheathampstead Business Group**

Decisions and Action Points from Tuesday Turntable on 21 February 2017 held in the Swan

Present:			
Maria Azcona	lain Begg	Julie Bell	Richard Brett
Adam Collis	Wojciech Zalewski	Claire Partington	

# Initiatives/Projects/Events

# Small Business Saturday & Buy It Locally Campaign Launch

## **Action points:**

- 1. The Buy It Locally team will formulate ideas for a beer and burgers event on 10 June to launch the campaign.
- 2. Julie will enquire about insuring the BILLY Mascot costume.

# **Business to Business Fayre**

# Action point:

3. Adam will try to find someone to run the event.

#### Revisions to Business Information Panel in East Lane

#### **Action points:**

- 4. Richard will send Adam the file containing the artwork.
- 5. Adam will update the artwork in the file.
- 6. Richard will then forward the file to the printer.

#### 2017 edition of WOW

#### Decisions:

- (a) WOW should be available by 10 June, in time for the BILLY launch.
- (b) The time needed to complete the project is estimated as follows:
  - 1 week to issue email asking businesses to review/update their entries on the database
  - 2 weeks in which businesses can do so
  - 4 weeks for C# to contact those that have not reviewed their entries and make any changes that may be necessary
  - 1 week to extract the up-to-date information from the database and send it to the printers
  - 1 week for printing and proof-reading.
- (c) Our intention should be to use Imagery for the printing provided that Mike is still there.



- (d) The directory pages should be printed on yellow paper.
- (e) It would be good to ask someone who is well known locally to write a foreword.

# Action points:

- 7. Adam will issue an email asking all businesses urgently to review their entries and if necessary update them.
- 8. Claire will then contact the businesses that have not done so.
- 9. Julie will ask Howard Wright if he would design the front cover.
- 10. Richard will ask Norman Whitwood if he would approach the advertisers.
- 11. Carol Tizard and Richard will work on the section about community organisations and things to do in Wheathampstead.
- 12. Richard will update the section on emergency numbers and websites.
- 13. Richard will lay out the non-directory sections before they are sent to the printers.
- 14. Adam will extract the up-to-date information from the database.
- 15. Maria and Richard will proof-read the first draft when we receive it from the printers.

#### Calendar of events

Decision:

No changes to the constitution need to be ratified at the AGM.

#### **Action point:**

 Adam will phone round those advertisers in the Pump who have not renewed their adverts.

# **Reports from WEB Officers**

### **Membership / Newbie Buddies**

Note.

Natalie Erotokritou will be the next Membership Secretary.

# **Finances**

Note.

Carol Tizard will be the next Treasurer.

## **Networking Meetings**

Decision:

Maria needs a substitute at certain times.



#### Website

## **Action point:**

17. Everyone will email Jacky with relevant news and photos.

#### Social Media

# Action points:

- 18. Adam will mention to Amanda that some non-members are postings ads on what was previously the closed group page.
- 19. Julie will ask Jacky to promote the beer and bangers BILLY launch.
- 20. Claire will tell Jacky about the new edition of WOW.

**Wheathampstead Parish Council** No actions

**Secretariat** No actions

#### Chair

Note.

In 2017-8 Adam wants to re-focus on how WEB can best support local businesses.

#### Decision:

There should be brainstorming sessions about what people want out of WEB and how WEB can help local businesses, and these should be held at the AGM, at a breakfast meeting and at a lunchtime meeting.

#### **Action points:**

- 21. Everyone will email Adam with their ideas on how WEB can best support local businesses.
- 22. Iain will run the brainstorming session at the AGM.

#### **General WEB Administration**

# Publicity and press coverage

## **Action point:**

23. Amanda will speak to her contacts to see if WEB can have a named contact point at the Review.



# **Hints and Tips**

# **Action point:**

24. Before the AGM everyone with a particular role in WEB should check that the Hints & Tips relevant to their role are correct and up-to-date.

#### **Social Events**

# Action points:

- 25. Maria will give some thought to a quiz night at a pub or restaurant.
- 26. Adam will email an invitation.

# **Any Other Business**

Wojciech explained his plans for a Wheathampstead app. WEB can help by giving feedback and by endorsing the app.

Date of next Tuesday Turntable: Tuesday, 21 March at 7.45 pm at the Swan