

## Notes of the Bilston East Partnership Environmental Group Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> April 2007

Lower Bradley Community Centre

### Present:

Ann Wheeldon	W.C.C Public Protection
Steve Rose	W.C.C Parks & Contracts
Lisa Parmar	Bilston East NSP
Anwar Ulhaq	BE Neighbourhood Manager
John Goalby	BE NPO
Jas Purewal	BE Administrator
Megan Fitzgerald-Plummer	B.R.A.T.S
Craig Gutteridge	W.C.C Wardens service
Lisa Parmar	NSP

### Apologies

Ann Modi, Ron Wright, Andy Hickman, Chris Barker, Joan Oram.

### 1. Introductions

Anwar welcomed everyone to the first environmental meeting  
Introductions were made.

### 2. Aims/objectives of the Group

Anwar informed everyone of the LANA process and gave an overview of how this Group will feed into the LNP process.

John felt that the size and constitution will enable the Group to function effectively although he would be pursuing further community representatives to achieve a geographical representation.

### 3. Terms of Reference

The terms of reference were circulated, Anwar talked through the key points. A map was also circulated covering the Bilston East Ward.

Every one was happy with the terms of reference. It was agreed 4-6 weeks would be allowed between each meeting. It was suggested that we would wait for further representatives before the Terms of Reference was signed.

Megan asked who was missing today, John pointed out that he had received apologies from Ann Modi, Ron Wright, Andy Hickman and Chris Barker.

John talked about the 5 Neighbourhoods, ideally he would like a community representative present at sub group meetings from each Neighbourhood.

#### **4. Action Plan**

The Action Plan currently in its draft stage was circulated to the Group.

John gave an overview of a number of issues including derelict sites, litter, enforcement and graffiti. The PFR consultation had also identified issues around speeding traffic around Bradley.

Loxdale for instance have poor opportunities for green open space. John said plans were to improve schemes, and hopefully carry out work towards promoting green open space.

John suggested that the Environment group lead on developing a work plan component of the Action Plan. The Action Plan itself serves to provide the framework for environment issues to be addressed by the BE Partnership.

John informed the meeting that the first Neighbourhood Recycling Initiative proved very positive.

This group should be involved in arranging the next NRI scheduled for July.

#### **5. Estate Walkabouts**

The multi agency estate walks have proved to be very successful. John informed all that the Rocket Pool Project had been identified by our consultation and the Estate Walkabout process.

Graffiti around the neighbourhood was something that was also identified by the Walkabouts. John also confirmed policy around graffiti removal was that if the building is council owned, graffiti will be removed. Regarding privately owned property, an indemnity would have to be signed by owners.

Ann Wheeldon stated Telewest had been helpful as they committed to match fund costs for removing graffiti on their boxes. A number of these have already been completed in the Bilston east area

John Goalby said that he has been working with the Wardens with the possibility of a proforma to be used for reporting graffiti.

John felt that the Partnership keeping a file copy would enable us to monitor any actions.

Anwar suggested using an Estate walkabout as an innovative form of a future meeting for the Group.

## 6. Any Other Business

The question was asked if there were any colleagues who should be part of this group that had not been invited.

The meeting agreed that we would invite 'specialist' guests according to the appropriate priority focus.

It was agreed that future meetings were scheduled during the day. This could be reviewed in the future.

John outlined progress on the Rocket Pool project, £55 000 had been provisionally agreed from the Safer Cleaner & Greener fund this would be complemented by £20,000.00 that the environment agency had committed to the project.

John had been requested he raise the issue of the housing development site on Batman's Hill Road as a concern to local residents. The group were unsure about any planning related issues. **John to enquire and report back to next meeting.**

## 7. Dates of future meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting of this group will be held on;

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007, 2.00pm. Venue TBA**