

Sustainable City 30th May 2019, MC

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Apols Gavin

Kelly has contacted SEPA and we are confident we have a rep for next meeting.

Feedback from CPA Management Group

Our charter was approved by the CPA Management Group and now goes forward to the CPA Board in June for full approval. There was an outstanding question from the management group about what can we learn about community resilience from the work that Dave McIntosh did on this. Our group felt that not much actually happened or was driven forward to a great extent. However any organisational memory and learning from Alison (in Sinclair's team) who has contributed extensively to our charter.

Get updated names from Andy on steering group as many more involved.

Michelle's presentation circulated and main points discussed. We don't know at this stage whether any of the specific change ideas can be done more rapidly, but will determine that following the first meeting of the steering group.

Community growing Charter

We do not need to submit this to management group/Board just yet, but wish to do so. Not least because one of the change ideas is time critical for Sept.

The charter is fully prepared and there were some minor points of clarity, mainly to demonstrate knowledge of the wider context.

Maggie suggested we prioritise some of the change ideas (this will go into the project timeline)

Pam suggested we highlight the importance of avoiding food waste. Be sure people know what they are growing and why. Identify outlets for donating food (comm pantries and TAMs)

David suggested getting companies to buy into this and how Sport Aberdeen active workforce team could help, very holistic – getting messages out to people. (Joanne suggested we should do some more linking up with Healthy Working Lives and sport Aberdeen). Possibility of including incentives for companies to engage eg discounted gym membership

Dave suggested that many of the barriers come from facilities management

Some other barriers to overcome include public perception. Particularly true in the case of Police Scotland where public may not see the value of workplace growing and police on the streets.

However there are some organisations who have got high level support already now, and who have already started to engage eg

SFRS – has had funding for bee colony & food growing. 69 people have expressed interest in getting involved

ACC committed via Angela Scott

Link with communities:

Neil said that Northfield locality keen to get involved and have identified some land. Through this charter, we would aim to link up community, schools and workplaces.

Our organisations will act as role models for community and being visible ambassadors for growing. EG SFRS spreading messages in what they are doing with groups and schools about food waste, recycling.

Next steps – Any final amendments to Steven today, who will submit the charter to Michelle Cochlan by the deadline tomorrow (Fri 31/5).

Community Pantry

Dave introduced this and talked through the initial charter. The concept is based on Stockport Community Pantry model.

The Woodside pantry is already operational with 100 members and is completely run by volunteers. There will be learning from that. This proposal is about a new pantry in Torry and the particular aim of the charter is to:

- Target specific population (women & children)
- Increase uptake of Healthy Start Vouchers (which can also be used in the pantry)
- Drive improvements in oral health (if a different funding bid is successful)

So “Healthy start and smile pantry”

Some suggestions about the charter itself:

Be more specific about the aim of the project – focus on the uniqueness of it (eg the HSVs and oral health)

Set it in wider context of neighbourhood planning (in the intro)

Look at the change ideas (no need to include the evaluation of Woodside pantry in this)

Be more specific about the changes we will test (eg increase uptake of HSVs by incorporating support and facilities in a new community pantry)

Be more specific about the measures we are actually interested, and remove those that are not needed specifically to help us assess the effectiveness of our change.

We may wish to include some measures of satisfaction?

Link up with DWP (Kirsty Jarman) – do we want to develop the angle on employability at this stage

Next steps:

Dave will issue a further iteration of the charter for discussion at next meeting. (Dave happy to help do this with you by email too)

Active travel hub

Kelly introduced this and we also had some thoughts from Gavin to stimulate thinking and discussion.

Opportunity to develop a 'hub' area at Railway Station due to refurb. Kelly seized the initiative here and we now know that Abellio already increasing cycle rack spaces from 3 to 84 & providing a maintenance stand. We are keen to work with them.

Our change ideas – getting people to cycle/walk more are still being formed. Some possibilities:

- Wayfinding – NESTRANS can we do this and get matched funding. This would complement the railway station development
- Developing a dispersed active travel hub using existing infrastructure and networks eg Sport Aberdeen facilities and Adventure Aberdeen. Pop up workshops
- Recycling bikes from landfill, maintaining them and using these in areas of highest need/lowest resource
- E bikes – joined up investment

Sinclair suggested we ask users of the bike hub at Marishall College and learn lessons.

Next steps

- Kelly to d/w Pam re bike recycling
- Ask Grampian Cycle Partnership for ideas
- Joanne to consider how a new active travel post in NHS could help if successfully funded
- Kelly to suggest change ideas at next meeting

Next meeting (date tba – before school hols and likely to be at SFRS North Anderson Drive)

- Charter pantry next iteration (Dave K)
- Change ideas active travel (Kelly)
- Initial thoughts on upstream changes to reduce generation of waste/waste minimisation (Pam).

Thanks to Sinclair for hosting today.