

RHS Committee Meeting

5 March 2024 / 08:00 PM / MEETING

Meeting details

Stefania's house 98 Richmond Road BN23RN

Attendees

Dominic, Christopher Paul, Stefania Rosso, Sam Sheils, Steve Bustin

Apologies: Garry Jenkins, Eva Wendler, Julia Valentine

Agenda

1. RoundHill Reporter

- **Steve Bustin:** RH resident and Event Compere/Emcee, Public Speaking Coach & Media Interview Coach.
- Steve Bustin made some valid suggestions on how to revamp RH Reporter, and he is keen to step up to take the role of RoundHill Reporter's editor - Thanks! Fund might be needed.
 - £ initial will be proposed to Garry/committee for consideration;
 - Ideas will be submitted for consideration by the committee.
- Plan B - just have a spring and xmas edition.

2. Treasurers update (Garry report)

- Report given by email: (a) the Treasurer must give an annual report to the AGM (b) during the year, the Treasurer must alert the Committee to any significant financial issues or events, such as the fact that the Reporter makes a small loss on every edition which isn't being covered by income, since we don't have any income (c) if the Treasurer doesn't ask for an agenda item at the next meeting, it might be best not to frighten everyone by saying that he/she is going to make a report, and then to bore everyone when the Treasurer has nothing to report!
- As reported at AGM 2023, £2500 is allocated to the greening project, £3000 unallocated funds.

3. Planning consultations - nothing reported to us by community members.

4. BH council/city clean strike. It seems that our ward is often missed in the kerbside collection. A question to bring to the attention of our councillors, if appropriate.

5. Greening Project (Dominic Report)

- We (Dominic) submitted an application for the B&H [community shared prosperity fund](#) (central govt funding allocated to councils) under category park and green

spaces to fund our Pocked park project, a community green area/park in Round Hill ward. We applied for £13K, and are waiting for the response, which was supposed to arrive by Feb 2024 but it is delayed.

- Other funding schemes we could consider:
 - [Veolia Environmental Trust funding](#) Next Round application by 27 June 2024
 - [Rampion Community Fund](#); Next Round application by 26 April 2024
 - <https://sussexcommunityfoundation.org/grants/>;
 - <https://www.grantfinder.co.uk/funding-highlights/funds/community-development/>
- **ACTION:** Consider funding opportunities for the project, and apply for.

6. Community Compost Scheme (Stefania report)

- Brighton and Hove Food Partnership (BHFP) fully supports a pilot scheme in our ward, since there is a gap in the provision of composters in the [city map directory](#);



- Information on the citywide community compost scheme [HERE](#)
- Frequent Answered Questions FAQ are [HERE](#)
- BHFP Contact: Helen MacGregor, compost@bhfood.org.uk, **07522 116 944**
- Sylvan Estate Residential Association was consulted on our proposal and is ok!
- A suitable site was identified, at the crossing of Prince Crescent, Richmond road, and Wakefield Road where the phone box used to be;
- According to BHFP, a community compost site requires £1105 funding;
- **Potential Funding options;**
 - [Estate Development Budget](#) (must be applied for by a Council Tenant or Residents Association)
 - [Brighton Lions Club](#)
 - [Healthy Neighbourhood fund](#)
 - [Pebble Trust](#)

- [Builder Donations](#)

7. **FOLLOW UP on the community compost scheme:** On request, Helen from BHFP provided us the next steps to progress on our application for a community compost scheme, and an update proposition from the Sylvan Hall Residents Association.

- **Next step's:**
- **Agree on a location for the boxes.** Helen will speak to Tim and, then we can do another site visit if needed.
- **Provide BHFP names and email details of the volunteers (monitors, including Stefania) & members who would like to join the scheme.**
- **Request permission from the Land Owner.** BHFP can do this once we have the location finalised.
- **Hold 2 week Community Feedback.** This is a Council requirement. BHFP will send you posters and letters to be distributed by the volunteers, where local residents have time to let us know how they feel about it. BHFP will also get feedback from the Residents Association & Roundhill Society to share with the Council (it's good they're already on board!)
- **Apply for Waste Exemption Certificate.** This is a legal requirement, BHFP will request it via the Council.
- **Funding/free resources; search for funding and** request help from - Wood Store / Tim/ Good Gym/ Community Workshop?
- **Costs for composter** (Tim's quote for materials and labour for 1 standard box - this includes wood, pallet, hinges, screws, hasp, marine grade padlock) £500~
- **Sylvan Hall Residents Association UPDATE:**
- They already have the plastic Darlak style compost bins and want to expand to suit food waste composting, and access from residents from both Sylvan Hall and others from the wider area with access from the new gate at the crossing btw Prince Crescent (former phone box).
- **ACTION:** Get in touch with the Residents Association to see if we can join them and collaborate on the project?

8. **Round Hill Community Events:** 3 street plays, spring, end summer, halloween.

9. **GoodGym volunteering sessions** helping with community clearance/graffiti - , when we want/need really.

10. **Crime Update** (Chris report)

- For the reporter, Roundhill continues to appear virtually crime free in respect of reported crimes and Police interventions. However it is known by certain

Roundhill residents that activities involving drugs, ie : street dealing and consumption in broad daylight have and do take place which is of raised concern to Roundhill Residents. Roundhill is included in the slightly larger area of Viaduct for the actual Police crime area. The crime incidents for Nov/23 for Viaduct are a total of 83 crimes, 24 violence and sexual offences, 15 anti-social behaviours, 11 shoplifting. Miscellaneous crimes, ie : burglary 1, bicycle theft 4, other theft 5, criminal damage and arson 3. However these reported crimes occur just outside of the Roundhill conservation area in particular hotspots which are : in the area of the gyratory, Sainsbury's. the area of St Peter's church, Preston circus, Ditchling rise, and parts of the Upper Lewes road area.

- PCSO Ben Drewswood has assured that PCSO patrols have increased for certain areas , notably Mayo and Ashdown roads and that the Police are aware of the increased number of drug dealing, as reported.
- **NEW** Police community support officer:: sophie.powell@sussex.police.uk

11. AOB Nothing

Action items

- Steve: provide ideas and estimation of funding needed for revamping the RH reporter
- Stefania: Send Julia an update for Reporter on GoodGym by end of Feb
- Stefania: Send quotes for a composter, and for the scheme. Done!
- Stefania: Follow up on community compost scheme!
- Sam: explorer funding opportunities for future applications for the greening project/ community compost scheme
- Dominic: update committee on the greening project, and upload project docs in RHS drive.

Next date and agenda items for next meeting

Next meeting date: First Tuesday of the month.

Provisional date, Tuesday 7th May 2024.

Location: Roundhill pub, unless an offer of a house from a committee member.