

Stocksbridge Community Forum 22nd January 2014

What can we do to make SCF more effective? How can we improve what we do?

Group 1

1. start at 7.30
2. advertise the agenda-how?
3. appoint a publicity officer
4. use the web site.
5. post office advert?
6. where could a large poster go? Housing dept?
7. e-mail agenda to Towns.G, Probus etc
8. advertise other groups
9. follow up ideas about renewable energy

Group 2

1. Parking : Lidl parking attendant- intimidating methods- address with police and council;
losing custom in shops; parking in general
2. SCF attendance: STC feed into SCF mins; follow through feedback (eg sanctuary housing; Loxley 100 years steel garden; St Matthias church; junior group drive;
3. Dransfield- what will happen to existing facilities/shops/surgery;
4. Transport meetings-STC member attending? Change in buses –link to STC mins
5. links need strengthening in order to share local info more readily
6. Scc presentations
7. email reminder of SCF meetings

Group 3

- 1 planning notices and decisions- update to community web by clerk at ST Hall?
2. use of our web site- always refer to it when writing an article for LL
3. advertising- banner on co-op railings, word of mouth
4. survey: what do you want? What are your concerns?
5. sell the success

THE FORUM

Comments from group 4.

The FORUM is a SOURCE of information different from e-mails, newspapers, websites; more face to face.

The FORUM FOCUS needs to be able to focus on topics of prime interest of the community, not special interest groups.

The FORUM FORMAT can vary based on the demands of the topics under presentation.

The FORUM needs to ATTRACT more members by publishing in advance the topics and reasons for them, doing this directly into schools, councils, community groups

The ENGAGEMENT with the community is non political, even handed and only on topics based on requests, feedback etc from other action/working groups, meetings.