

THE MOSELEY MEETING NOTES

WARD: Moseley	DATE: 26 June 2019
VENUE: The Moseley Exchange, Alcester Road	START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm – 8.05pm
COUNCILLORS Kerry Jenkins & Martin Straker-Welds	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 14
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Les Williams & Michael Chipman, Waste Management Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	Alison Milward Chaired the meeting.

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Planning for the Environment & Making it Better for the Community – Supporting the environmental contribution to the ‘Making Moseley’ Plan

Councillor Straker-Welds explained that a new plan for Moseley was being developed with a focus on the environment and reflecting that Moseley was one of the best places to live. Community contribution was vital to the success of the plan and to finding solutions to issues within the ward.

Les Williams gave an update on waste collection services. Recycling collections in Moseley were an issue due to lack of resources (manpower/vehicles) but an increase in resources to Redfern depot was hoped to ease the situation. Residents were requested to leave bins out and collection would be made when resources allowed, side waste would also be removed. It was planned to have action days to concentrate on streets where recycling was limited to educate and support residents.

Query regarding residents who did not have wheelie bins eg flats above shops, Church Avenue and left black bags out all week that were subsequently ripped open creating unnecessary litter. It was queried why when black bags were collected from the car park the bags left out could not also be collected. Councillor Jenkins advised that it had been reported and recently the bags had been collected so it was hoped that the matter had been resolved. It was reported that the residents of the flats above the Kingfisher left bags in the car park, by litter bins and in the alleyway. **Michael Chipman noted concerns and to arrange visit from Waste Reduction Unit to residents.**

It was reported by residents that the situation was improving and it was noted that a letter received regarding how to improve recycling had been helpful and changed behaviour. It was suggested that a ‘how to recycle’ leaflet be circulated, to include details of what to do

when you moved house. Further suggested that a leaflet could be included with council tax bills.

In response to questions regarding input into the ward plan, Les advised that the Waste Prevention Team could assist with educational input and attendance at events; information regarding roads that did not recycle well could be shared; promotion of plastic free businesses/shops and support for Moseley In Bloom and the community in general.

The meeting then broke into groups to cover –

- Reduce, reuse, recycle
- Greening
- Climate change

After some discussion the groups came back together and highlighted the top priorities for consideration for the ward plan as follows;

Reduce, reuse, recycle

- More repair cafes/community tool shed
- Reduce purchases/repair more
- Share information on what can be recycled & where – more Terracycle networks/drop offs
- Engage schools
- Investigate recycling provision – eg recycling cigarette butts and offer Moseley as a pilot outside the city centre
- Reintroduce glass and paper banks
- Food waste collection/community composting – BCC use Moseley as a pilot

Greening

- Involvement of young people especially around impact of trees on the environment – school initiatives to undertake surveys of trees, green open spaces etc
- School assemblies to encourage ownership of green spaces
- Adopt a tree by where you live
- Protect front gardens and limit destruction
- Reduce frequency of grass mowing verges etc to promote wild flowers
- Allotments – have plant give aways of excess plants

Climate change

- Microbiological system for urinals – trial in 3 pubs in Moseley to reduce water use. Many more buildings that could also use the system
- Rain water harvesting
- Campaign to ‘switch off car engines’ outside schools. St Bernard school had conducted a pilot so roll out to other schools
- More use of solar panels – explore ways of addressing greater adoption
- Make Moseley carbon neutral by 2025
- More electric charging points in Moseley

Actions

1. Les Williams to research efficient/safe ways of extra recycling e.g. Cambley Street Project
2. Residents to share links to information regarding recycling, greening etc
3. Councillors to include recycling information in their leaflets to be circulated across the ward and to look at other ways of sharing information
4. 16 July - Making Moseley Meeting – looking at Neighbourhood Councils & Parish Councils
5. Discussion outcomes to be included in the Making Moseley Plan to then be fed into the Moseley Ward Plan

Councillors (s) Signed:

Councillor(s) Name(s) (please print):