



Autumn of Action event: Deepdale  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2011



**Group name:** Café group

**Session:** 1

**Topic:** Community Cafes

**Convener:** Christine

**Who was there? (list names):**

Darren, Nicola, Jason, Margaret, Pat, Tracey, Christine

**Main points of the discussion:**

- Growing trend to find places people can meet for a brew
- Power of making: café where people can make things (to create opportunity for wider community)
- Is it a bus? Do we need fixed venues or mobile or both?
- Needs to cover its costs.
- Good examples: Anti Social (Blackpool) and the Pie Co-operative (Sheffield)
- Bus café could travel to older peoples' homes.
- Could we approach Preston Bus to provide drivers? Does it conflict / overlap with Preston's Citizen Zone bus?
- Could Citizen Zone bus be adapted? Shelter for people – could canopy be used outside the bus?
- Permanent location to be used as a base to launch bus project (providing funding from profit, etc).
- Red tape a real issue.
- 1500-3000 people already visit the centre each week – incentives for people to stay a bit longer or join something else.
- Government cuts have hit the community centre – a number of public bodies / clients (Sure Start, Connexions, etc) – there's now capacity.

- Link the centre to Gateway.
- Youth Group – was run by Preston City Council. Has run down to 8-10 and stopped.
- There's a list of 25+ "kids" who might attend a revamped youth club.
- Kids don't want computer games – they like to play table tennis, etc.
- Centre increasingly needs to run as a business and cover its overheads.
- If there was an afternoon café, would anyone come?

**Recommendations / conclusions (green dots = considered most important):**

- ●●● When is space available?
- When are people available?
- ● Student volunteers: UCLAN, Preston College, etc
- ●● Scope of menu
- Schools / colleges work on the day
- Who would make things?
- Have cooking as a skill.
- ● Paul Heathcote: an evening with... Are there Asian / Polish chefs?

**Red dots (it's important, and I want to be involved):**



Paul  
Jason  
Carol  
Margaret

Nicola  
Robin  
Elaine  
Pat

**Group name:** Gardeners

**Session:** 2

**Topic:** Engaging Gardeners

**Convener:** Margaret

**Who was there? (list names):**

Paul, Bob, Margaret, Jason, Elaine

**Main points of the discussion:**

- Finding and/or securing locations
- Market to existing groups
- Garden parties
- Social cross-pollination
- ● Approach businesses
- Hanging baskets for public / businesses
- Scouts / guides / students etc
- Farmer / public co-operative

**Recommendations / conclusions (green dots = considered most important):**

- ● Arrange around food
- ●● Picnic in garden & weed
- Create ownership
- Pinpoint an area
- ● Sell produce at monthly car-boot

**What are the three small, practical, next steps to get this moving?**

- 1) ●●● October/November: shortlist three potential spots to beautify – recce the locations & assess. (Maybe the Roseacre Community Care Home).
- 2) Recruit minimum number of volunteers (12)
- 3) ● Clean up and plant bulbs

**Red dots (it's important, and I want to be involved):**



Paul

Margaret

Jason

Carol

**Group name:**                      **Session: 2**

**Topic:** Youth

**Convener:** Robin & Nicola

**Who was there? (list names):** Christine, Tracy, David, Pat

**Main points of the discussion:**

- Youth need help to stay busy
- 7-14 want to come
- 14-17 more trouble

**Recommendations / conclusions (green dots = considered most important):**

- ● 7-14 want to come
- Need volunteers (more)
- Need funding (more)
- Weekly – Thursdays 7-9

**What are the three small, practical, next steps to get this moving?**

1. ● Flyers at Halloween and for local school to launch
2. ●●●● Round up volunteers – word of mouth / community / groups / Preston FM / Heritage / RV / Street Pastors

**Red dots (it's important, and I want to be involved):**



Jason, Pat, Robin, Nicola, Elaine, Carol, Paul

## Closing comments

- I've enjoyed today, as much as last week. Enjoyed the discussion around gardening. Enjoyed meeting people.
- Well done to Robin and the CBC volunteers – not giving themselves enough credit.
- I think there are new openings – where we've been doing things for years, it's opened our eyes that there's other possibilities – to work on that could make CBC and Crab even better.
- Having lost faith in everybody – police banks politics church – it's lovely to come to something and hear so many positive people and ideas.
- I've had a really good day talking about all the different topics, and I hope we'll be able to get something going.
- I think something positive will come out of this – I hope so anyway.
- Thanks for inviting us, had a great day – met a lot of people and shared positive experiences
- Thanks for the opportunity to be a part of meeting with the community here. There are some brilliant ideas, and it's time for implementation.
- Really reinforced that it's not about numbers, it's about who's here.