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**Walkley Community Forum Meeting
Monday 8th January 2024 7.30pm Walkley Ebenezer**

Present: Carrie L, Shaun W, Veronica H, Mary S, Owen G, Chris O, Sam Wakeling (Walkley Streets for People), Jude W, Gillian W, Barbara C, Sian W, Cllr Tom Hunt, Kate R, Marrianne F, Andy Pettigrew (Langsett and. Walkley Community Association), Cllr Laura McClean, Kerry D

Agenda

1. Minutes of previous meeting - passed.
2. Apologies: Chris R, Jean T, Bren T, Sophie R (Joint Treasurer) Hannah K (Joint Treasurer)
3. Forum/Festival Events – update: Many thanks to the organizers of the Xmas Fair. It was a great community event and there was a footfall of 1200 (CL). 120 handouts were taken for the Santa Trail (KD). There is still a shortage of volunteers to help with festival & events. Jude to draft a social media post.
Other Events – Open Up Sheffield: There will be an artist/creative focused event over the weekend 4-6th May at St Mary’s. Details to follow (KD)
4. Living Streets – update (MF): The meeting was given feedback from their survey at Ruskin Park Fun Day on what people liked/didn’t like about Walkley. Eg Liked Friendly community with lovely people, green spaces, art scene etc. Disliked parking/driving on pavements, speeding, traffic, lack of parking, problems with traffic on Walkley Rd.
There was a comment to the meeting about buses (VH) and Tom Hunt commented that we are moving through the process for regaining control of buses.
5. Accessibility of streets and pavements (Sam W): Sam W and Living Streets Group (walkleystreets4people@gmail.com) are starting a campaign about accessibility of local streets and pavements. To get involved contact Sam.
6. Walkley Community Store (ShaunW): The previous tenants from The Walkley Community Store (NOT Beeches) have moved to the old Sun Kong premises. The WCS is now to let (potentially to be split into 2). If anyone would like to open a business there Tom Hunt could connect them with business advice/support. Shaun will look into rent, lease and running costs.
7. Freak Street Cafe (ShaunW) – a new food outlet has opened where Gerties used to be. Welcome to Walkley!
8. Changes to parking opposite Asda (ShaunW): Shaun thought there had been recent changes, but this proved not to be the case.
9. Temporary traffic lights outside St Mary's (ShaunW): Lights installed but no work seems to be being done. Councillors will contact Northern Power
10. AOB

Walkley Horticultural Show: A meeting is being held with the new organizing committee.
Howard Rd Noticeboard: Gillian Reported condensation. Veronica will contact suppliers.

Cllr Laura McClean: Walkley Road traffic issues. Councillors have been working to find ways to improve the situation. Council transport officers have now put forward two proposals. The first proposal is to extend the existing pedestrian barrier to make the pavement safer. The second proposal is to install two ‘H’ markings on the opposite side of Walkley Road which will provide “pull in points”. Residents will be consulted. Or you can contact Laura Tom ortransport@sheffield.gov.uk before 15/02/24

**The next meeting will be 5th February 7.30pm**