

# **CLEAN TEAM PRESTWICH**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Monday 06 March 2017, 7pm**  
**All the Shapes, Warwick Street, Prestwich**

11 people turned up for an informal Post Litter pick chat. Subsequently Cllr E O'Brien, Cllr J Black and Rob Trueblood turned up and Mike, Radek and Barbara had a further chat with them.

Among the discussions I have captured the following notes:

Noted that 30 people (or thereabout) participated in the Litter Pick on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March across the 3 locations – 15 or so were registered at the Bury New Road location, 8 at Drinkwater Park and a further 8 at Buckley Lane. A big Thank you to everyone who participated.

The question arose if businesses could be asked to have a litterbin / cigarette bin outside their establishment.

It was agreed that its good to continue to have a split of Litter pick locations – as so much was achieved on the Sunday, which would not have been possible for a single litter pick.

It was agreed to continue the Facebook group rather than setting up a separate webpage – as the cost / maintenance / likelihood this would be out of date fast were discussed. Members who did not have a facebook account could be kept in communication with the group via email distribution lists.

There was discussion on an initiative which Liverpool have introduced in regards to dog poo – as it was noted by everyone that one of the big issues was dog poo dangling from trees/ bushes. Options discussed were biodegradable bags and getting more dog poo bins at various locations. Barbara noted there are no dog poo bins in Drinkwater and Radek said there were only 2 in Philips Park. Mike noted the ones in St Mary's Flower Park & Clough are corroded, covered in graffiti and should be replaced.

Subsequently Jane Black noted that Bury Council have a plan to put 40 dog bins (and 40 waste bins) and therefore places which need either new or replacements should be identified – Note this plan however, is not just for Prestwich but the whole of Bury.

Cass mentioned about getting radio plugs (adverts) for future litter picks potentially with Smooth FM / Real Radio.

Mike ask if we should formally officiate the group – with a constitution that would allow for the group to apply for funding / grants – everyone agreed this was the right course of actions – and some objectives could be identified – which would help to determine what grants / money to seek. Jill Boyle offered to identify a constitution.

Later Rob Trueblood suggested Lloyds TSB as a potential bank who could offer a good community bank account and that had a branch nearby. Barbara offered to be Treasury of the group as she has experience in finance.

Cllr E O'Brien noted that Bury Council have achieved 'Purple Flag' status which means they have achieved accreditation on keeping that neighbourhood / streets to a certain level – and potentially this could be looked at for Prestwich.

There was discussion about links to other groups – Barbara noted Prestwich Walkies Facebook group and Jane Black mentioned Prestwich Community FB. Radek also noted the Polish community group has over 28,000 members.

There was talk of displaying advertising at Prestwich Artisan Market, which takes place at the Longfield Centre in Prestwich village on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Radek suggested approaching companies who may offer staff the opportunity to do employee community litter picks.

It was discussed about the frequency of future litter picks and it was suggested that a poll was put on the group with some potential dates – but there was agreement from all that more needed to be done – as there is still lots of litter / rubbish at all 3 locations.

Radek noted he is keen to continue in 2 weeks time –suggested 19<sup>th</sup> March around Buckley Lane and Philips Park.