

Notes from Dronfield 2gether meeting held on 8/5/2020.

First online Zoom meeting.

Present: Nigel Hudson (Treasurer and Co Host), Shelley Hinson (Coordinator & Co Host), Jenny Barber (Resident and helper), Angela Lobley (Scamwatch), Susan Monks (Chesterfield Time Bank and Dronfield Drone Roses W.I.), Alison Evans (Gaia Healer and D2G Committee Member).

Introduction: We all had chance to say a few words about what we have been doing whilst in Lockdown.

Susan has been keeping in contact with the other W.I. members via facebook, and has been delivering parcels of food to people who are vulnerable, through Chesterfield Timebank.

Angela has been doing the Citizens Advice work via telephone, and has been creating a video once a week and has also been helping with the Clay Cross Food Bank and giving food vouchers.

Jenny is in the U3A (Sheffield), and takes part in the Tuneless Choir, which is run by Karen Cook. She also mentioned the Soroptimist International, which is a worldwide volunteer service organisation for women who work for Peace, and in particular to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. Jenny also mentioned that the Fire Brigade have been delivering her prescriptions.

Alison said she has been supporting the 'Atrium' Café in the Forge. They have been delivering hot meals to the elderly in the time of crisis, up to 80 per week. Also, she spoke about her 'Healing from the Heart' therapy business.

Shelley has been sending out important emails from various service providers, and sending out bulletins and keeping people updated as much as possible with any changes during this Lockdown situation. She then gave an update about Shelagh Cheetham's team of ladies in their sewing circle. In the 4.1/2 weeks that they have been coordinating making the masks for NHS, they have made 5,500 masks. She has 124 volunteers making them now. She has a facebook site where they can take 'crowd funding' and donations. Any donations are gratefully received. They are still needing cotton patterned material, in particular – any cotton duvet covers.

If anyone has any spare cotton material, please contact Shelley and she can pass on to you Shelagh's address and contact phone number. Phone Shelley on 01246 417432, or email her at: coordinator@dronfield2gether.org.uk

We then asked if there were any comments about the Treasurer's Report which was sent out to the D2G Champions. No-one commented about it. We then asked if anyone knew of a good cause that we could support? One of the causes being the masks for the NHS. But, also, Alison suggested that we could support the 'Atrium' Café in the Forge. We all agreed that it was a good idea to support both these initiatives.

Nigel has looked into the amount we can give to these causes – each of them have now received £105.10. We have already received a wholehearted thank you from Tracey at the 'Atrium'.

The Great Dronfield Get2gether – This has been provisionally booked for the 6th of October, but it is looking increasingly unlikely that this event can go ahead. So, in the next few days we will email all the service providers to let them know that this event will not be able to go ahead. Also, what we will be doing is asking all these service providers to give us the contact details of their organisation and a paragraph all about the services they provide, to either, put on our website, or we thought we could ask Mike Firth to put this list in the next Dronfield Directory (which won't come out till January 2021).

We have also been told that the Christmas Tree Event in St. Johns Church has already been cancelled.

Wellbeing Event – A lady that Alison knows has had an idea to put on an event for people to find out about (or experience taster sessions) in 'alternative therapies'. We asked everyone if they thought it was a good idea for Dronfield 2gether to support this event. Shelley explained that anything to do with Health & Wellbeing within Dronfield will definitely merit us supporting them. This, at the moment, is obviously on hold until the Lockdown is lifted, but everyone were in support of this event going ahead when possible.

Secretary still needed – We are still on the lookout for someone to takes notes at our meetings, if there is anyone amongst our D2G Champions who would like to offer their time to help us.

Dronfield Market -There are a number of people who are keen to see the Dronfield market being resurrected. Some are local residents and some are traders. There is one slight hitch – the family who own the rights to hold the market, have said they don't want market stalls on that car park any more. Perhaps, if this is true, the market could move to the library gardens or even in the Civic Centre, around where all the shops are? We need to know what the residents think about the market coming back and if it does, what changes need to be made. We were talking about it being a Community Market, even if it ends up being once a month, where residents could come to sell any excess produce they have, or display their craft work to sell. We could encourage a table top sale/bric-a-brac sales for charity (although that would mainly be organised by the charity shops already there). **Do you have any ideas or thoughts on this?** Susan suggested a vegan market, also having a plastic-free stall. Making sure we do not rely on the multi-national stalls – keeping it local instead.

A huge thank you to the Dronfield 2gether champions taking part in this meeting.

Our next meeting has been set for the 10th July 2020. We will send out a link nearer the time.