**Cobra Meeting**

**Link via Zoom**

**7th June 2022**

**Time: 2pm – 3pm**

 **Item Minutes Actions**

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|  | **Present:** Jo Rhodes (Settle Community Hub), Rev. Julie Clarkson, David Blackburne (Settle Rotary Club), Stefan Sykes (Rural Business Development Officer) |  |
|  | **Updates:**Jo Rhodes:* Been successful in getting a grant from the Lottery to support the Community Fridge for staffing and a bit towards rent/bills so will continue to open Monday and Thursday afternoons.
* Emma has been getting more people down on the allotment and taken a few of them to have a look at Growing With Grace.
* Started the Friday Action For Happiness in person on Friday mornings (has been online for a couple of years), small group to start with but plan to do the 8 week course Exploring What Matters later in the year
* Still carrying on with Mondays and Thursdays at The Quakers with lunches and simple quizzes and art activities
* One of our staff Tim and a volunteer Dave now doing a Men’s Group which is supported with some money from Age UK – usually meet Friday mornings at Quakers for food, chat, quiz or a short outing. Numbers are low so may switch to fortnightly soon and go out more to cafes, local villages but will give it a bit of time.
* In discussions about Understory which is an innovative community mapping tool which we think will be useful for Settle. Jo and Jane Cotton spoke to Sarah Lowndes from the Onion Collective and she will join us for the next Cobra meeting to talk about it.

Reverend Julie Clarkson:* Settle Pantry has a lot of people using it and they are refilling the box in the porch every day now.
* In discussions with Skipton Food bank to take their donations from Settle Booths store on alternate weeks but it’s taking a long time to sort out.
* Big event for Open Farm Sunday this weekend Sunday 12th June at Cappleside Farm near Wigglesworth which is always a good day out. BBQ and lots of stalls and activities so always worth a visit.
* New team of volunteer gardeners tidying the graveyard up and it is looking much better.

 David Blackburne – Settle Rotary Club* Big thing for Rotary at the minute is preparations for the Settle Saunter this weekend on Sunday 12th June which is a big fundraiser for them and should raise around £4000 – 3 distances for walkers or runners – 10K, half marathon and 26 mile course.
* Using an event organiser now which costs quite a lot but saves a great deal of time and runners get tags so their times are logged which the more serious ones like. Currently have 230 runners registered but may pick up some more in the last few days.
* Rotary donate quite a bit to Cave Rescue so some of their members are helping out with the marshalling and at checkpoints
* Rotary Club are now meeting fortnightly on Thursdays at 6.30pm at the Maypole in Long Preston for a meal and a speaker. Had some fascinating speakers recently including one about tracking wolves in Slovakia and the fine balance of keeping conservationists and farmers happy!
* Donated £3000 to the primary school for their new STEM ‘shed’ and going to the grand opening on 22nd June

Stefan Sykes – Rural Business Development Officer for Craven District Council* New business centre at Langcliffe limekilns is nearly there but getting power on site took longer than planned. Handover to Craven Council should be on 25th June.
* Hoping to be based up there by mid July
* Various size units and office are available
* Phase 1 which is now opening is a mix of large and small units.. there will be a phase 2 which will be smaller size units
* Organising more business workshops and other events in Skipton and Settle
* Skipton on 29th June at Rendezvous Hotel on Business Innovation with various organisations there to help support people
* Some workshops on Increasing Sales at St Johns in Settle on 6th and 20th July
* Will be running more events and workshops at the new Limekilns business park when they get settled in there.

Next meeting 5th July 2022. |  |