**The BLSW11 Alliance**

**Monthly Meeting**

Date: 19th March 2020

Time: 10.30am-12.40pm

Venue: St Peter’s Church

Attending: Aaron (KLS), Charlie (St Peter’s), David (BLSW11), Del (Caius), Esther (Providence), George (Carney’s), Robert (BLSW11), Syeda (BLSW11)

Guests: Cllr Kate Stock, Cllr Paula, Patrick (St Peter’s)

**Corona Virus Discussion**

There is a lot of goodwill amongst local people to help others in the local community. The Alliance and its guests had an in-depth discussion to share information about what’s currently going on and develop a game plan going forward.

Things being done include:

1. Battersea Corona Virus Angels – being organised by St Mary’s, Sacred Heart Church and Katherine Low Settlement. **Action:** **Aaron** to circulate more info.
2. St Peter’s is doing a similar thing: with members and beyond (including local sheltered homes)
3. Wandsworth Council
	1. Volunteer portal on Council website
	2. Wandsworth Grant Fund (via Bruce Murdoch) - might be used to help tackle Covid-19
	3. Age UK Wandsworth – coordinating support for older people with the Council, including food donations
4. Battersea Mutual Aid (on facebook with c.1,000 volunteers). **Action: David** to join and coordinate theAlliance’s response with them.
5. Various WhatsApp groups have been formed across Battersea. **Action: Cllr Paula** to share link
6. Wandsworth Food Partnership discussing their approach at the moment
7. Haven Lodge – WoW Mums supporting this community with food
8. Kambala RA (Donna B.) – supporting with food sharing, mobilising volunteers
9. Waste Not Want Not (Hadas H.) – supporting with food sharing
10. Foodbank Wandsworth – delivering food parcels and telephone support
11. Citizens Advice Wandsworth – offering telephone and online support (no face-to-face)
12. St Saviours (Ruth) – offering friendship calls
13. Police – **Action: Cllr Kate** to find out what they are doing to reduce crime and their messaging around protecting vulnerable people during this time.
14. Our local MP, Marsha de Cordova, is putting all this information up on her website as a central resource. **Action:** **Joe** (from Marsha’s office) will share the web link. **Action: All** to send Joe information as we find out more about what’s going on locally [joe.mccarronshipman@parliament.uk and 074535 158 800]
15. A local Wholesaler under the arches [what’s it called-?] is suppling individuals and local groups
16. Riverside Radio – **Action: Joe** to contact and find out what they’re communicating

Other things to do include:

1. David warned about duplication – be more strategic – good comms across the broad.
2. Battersea CoVid 19 Community Fund. David suggested that BLSW11 might make funding available through a new ‘CoVid19 Community Fund’ (working title) with match funding from Council (total = £100k). It’s only an idea at the moment and needs a lot of work to make this a reality. Possible things that could be funded would be CoVid 19 community projects (cover costs including staff, transport, volunteers, IT equipment and training, DBS checks etc.); and funding for Battersea charities and community groups to continue their work). The fund would cover all of North Battersea. **Action: David** to develop this quickly with BLSW11, the Alliance and the Council.
3. Young People. **Action:** **Esther/Del/George** to lead on developing a response for young people to Corona. Note: Joe has contacts with NUT for retired teacher to offer online teaching and support for young people.

It was agreed that this Corona Virus group would meet weekly (online – possibly using Zoom) to coordinate activity. Date of next meeting: **Thursday 26th March, 11am** (**Action:** **David** to organise this)