

## **Bristol as the first creative city (1/a)**

### **Headlines**

- Humans make art - it doesn't need funding
- Nature of creativity – nature of 'arts'
- Nature and great value of community arts
- Bristol as highly conscious city; potential for development and network

### **Actions**

- City-wide community arts project
- Make the literate arts more visible on Bristol arts – develop multi-centre 'shared space' (inclusive) scene and Literary Festival
- Link with Partnership in developing network on global platform
- Woman artist more visible
- Networking websites as 'Creative City' linking
- Marketing Bristol as 'subversive arts' concept
- More busts of Bristol artists – using donated metal and metalwork volunteers

## **How to develop new pedestrian solutions in east Bristol's M32 Motorway for the benefit of the community's well being (29/a)**

### **Headlines**

- Bicycle to share pavement and dismount for pedestrians and legally have a bell
- Green bridge crossing solution – other people had similar plans
- Street festivals

### **Actions**

- Contact Julie Boston at FOSBR (Friends Of Suburban Railways) and Josh Hart (Campaigner for green bridge, based in San Francisco)
- Keep Kai informed of progress
- Keep on with green bridge exhibition plan for September
- Contact cycling city

## **Consciousness and spiritual wealth as an aspect of prosperity (on a par with material wealth) (28/a)**

### **Headlines**

- Sense of being and right to be here and sense of belonging/ be who you are – need a voice for it

- How to make contact/ community accessible to offer the possibility of sharing inner processes/ defining own spirituality
- How to be with difference (different levels of spirituality) – learning about the evolution of consciousness helps in that respect
- As economy of spirit is as important as economy of money

### **Actions**

- Ways to open up people who are closed off to their spirituality; kindness, openness, warmth, art/ creativity, play theatre, right brain activities/ process
- Tell different stories! Stories are powerful and open possibilities to people – more positive news blend
- Slow down, more quiet, allow space
- Notice you have choice/ agency – other people notice they have choice

### **Measuring success - quantitative or qualitative?**

**What does 'prosperity' mean and how can we grow?**

**Redefining 'prosperity' so everyone thrives (41/a)**

### **Headlines**

- Quantitative governs policymaking – what are we measuring, and who decides?
- What don't we measure? Happiness and fulfilment
- What is success – what is prosperity?
- What is the social aim? = Money measured and driven
- What do we value? Who do we value? Currently only commercial financial gain
- Is commerce the function of people or people function of commerce?

### **Actions**

- Redefine notions of value and prosperity and goal of society
- Educate beyond the product driven – (education = lifelong learning) enabling, empowering, informing
- Where do we start; supporting Community Enterprise activities/ exchange
- All businesses should satisfy the 3 rules to be a social enterprise (encourage 'business' not 'financial gain')

### **How to tackle long-term unemployment (4/a)**

#### **Headlines**

- Self-esteem builders – getting people to talk together – work clubs

- Definition of long term according to impact
- Support for personal development (removing national barriers – Job Centre etc)
- Reactivating activity – volunteering
- Coping with rejection
- Problems with Job Centre – lack of training, funding etc

### **Actions**

- 'Bozarts' – organisation to assist using actors to help with workshops e.g. coping with rejection, (personal experience and acting relevance)
- Training to ask questions of employer
- Fair exchange – how will you benefit me?
- Organising work clubs to raise self esteem – Job Centres, Libraries, on-line [www.ways2work.org.uk](http://www.ways2work.org.uk) - Bristol work clubs link
- Structured volunteering programmes
- Community allowance – keeping benefits while working/ volunteering

**How, in scary times, can I effectively defend public services? (24/a)**

### **Headlines**

- Challenge and redefine the problem – the banking crisis the cuts, who's responsible for them
- Create social enterprise trusts, credit unions, cooperatives
- Do something for nothing (e.g. 'just for the love of it', website, skills training) 'neighbourliness'
- Take responsibility, offer service
- Focus my efforts on one thing
- Have conversations
- How can we influence government? Feedback the conversations
- Volunteer
- Use my public services responsibly

### **Actions**

- Mobilise politically
- BUT volunteers can't replace quality paid professional expertise
- Adopt new models/ collectives that are emerging, but NOT driven by profit

£100K/100% - tax anyone who earns over £100K a full 100% over and above that amount

**Provide support and information for especially the under privileged families and children 0-5 to enable creative development (3/a)**

**Headlines**

- Learning from different cultures and groups within the city
- Hard to reach – more insular or self contained communities
- Needing to reach young people before they have children – schools

**Actions**

- Train volunteers to assist health visitors to engage with isolated families
- Empowering individual parents to coach other families
- Going into schools to talk to young people
- Programmes on TV to pass on information about creative parenting

**Through poetry I'd like to explore the power of our imagination's to imagine a fairer future (2/a)**

**Headlines**

- Statistics can be frightening when they are talking about insurmountable problems
- Poetry is a good way of getting your message across without blaming
- Over emotional responses get discredited – there is an honour in poetry to our emotional responses

**Actions**

- Balance the facts (statistics) with stories – make it real – help us to connect

**How to break down barriers between communities (27/a)**

**Headlines**

- Identity – perception of self, perception by others
- Divisions – 'putting in boxes'; racially, age, situation, poverty,
- Isolation
- Housing
- Looking at difference – brings richness not problems
- No 'community'

**Actions**

- Bring back community! Everyone's responsibility
- Develop Bristol 'smile' club; eye contact and be fearless

- Helping people feel benefit from reaching out

### **Free complimentary medicine on the NHS (25/a)**

#### **Headlines**

- Doctors need training in complimentary therapies
- Power of the drug companies
- Complimentary therapies work, are cheaper and cause less damage than allopathic

#### **Actions**

- Join/ form a campaign for free complimentary medicine
- Persuade GPs to 'open minds' and change training programme
- Complimentary medicine in schools
- Read what doctors don't tell you
- Do something about the money wasted on unused prescriptions

### **Active inclusion in the lower spectrum of society (31/a)**

#### **Headlines**

- Establish a need – open café/ local voice/ grass roots  
(Create local open space for 'chewing over' ideas, meeting listening to the questions – use the open spaces)
- Bring people together from different backgrounds
- Watching language/ stereotyping
- Transition towns – Collectivism
  - Sustainability
  - Self help with communities

#### **Actions**

- Say hello to your neighbour and smile more
- Free economy
- Café Society bringing people together from different backgrounds
- Small grants for small grass roots groups

### **How can we count Bristol's invisible people in the census? (21/a)**

#### **Headlines**

- Huge importance in terms of funding 2001 – 10,000 person under spent (= £500,00 per year)
- Necessity is interest of individuals for public services
- Stress confidentiality (names, addresses not revealed for 100 years)

## **Actions**

- Everyone spread the word to people who may not fill out forms

## **How can we better support Somali women in our communities? (30/a)**

### **Headlines**

- SPAN provides support to Somali women – groups, ESOL, 36 spaces
- Financial inclusion – Refugee Centre (Oxford)
- St Paul's advice Centre, Somali Advice Centre
- Funding cuts have affected agencies networking on behalf of Somali community

### **Actions**

- ESOL – Child care/ transport/ interpretation
- Steve Woodcock at St Paul's Advice Centre, Tove at SPAN
- Nancy to bring issues and networking to DRE (Delivery Race Equality) steering group

## **How to prevent multi-national corporations from making profit in the UK with UK resources and then moving the profit to tax havens to avoid UK tax systems (23/a)**

### **Headlines**

- Injustice of power, wealth and influence distribution in our society
- Acceptance of immoral actions in society
- Society behind the tax havens, its values and morals, and how it allows offshore taxing

### **Actions**

- Change personal daily habits, where to shop, which bank to use, and promote in your circle of social contacts to raise consciousness
- Be less a slave to capitalism and spending money, less consumerism. Changing values in society to be more community and sharing intentions
- Education and use of media to spread knowledge and transparency to wake people up and create a social involvement to put pressure on political representatives
- Empowerment of the people, electorate to bring change

**How we can use Bristol's open spaces as walking routes, which are signed. (5/a)**

### **Headlines**

- Promoting and protecting accessible walking routes
- Being aware of local residents and Bristol City Council and the Neighbourhood
- It appears that many of the areas chosen for development considered compliant and therefore easy targets to land

### **Actions**

- Develop pilgrimages, walking women with quiet times, using local areas
- Friday 17 June lead off and on road walking to opening of M-Shed (David Mowat walking route along Valley Walk/ Pigeonhouse stream from Hartcliffe (Morrisons) to Novers Hill (Bedminster)
- In order to prevent further spiritual poverty we need to promote and protect and increase access to Valley Walk which houses 30 species of birds

**What are we going to do about the bankers? (45/a)**

### **Headlines**

- The difference between changing things and making symbolic statements that mean we empower ourselves
- Keep challenging the discourse that everything's the fault of the government
- The morality/ ethics of holding people in power to account

### **Actions**

- Who do you bank with? What attitude does your bank have to paying bonuses?
- Set up [www.switchbanks.com](http://www.switchbanks.com) American site exists: [www.moveyourmoney.com](http://www.moveyourmoney.com)
- A local bank that is only able to invest locally and doesn't do speculation
- Have a once hired can't be fired policy\* (\* this wasn't agreed by the group)
- Split banking functions – high street banking split from speculation/ gambling

**Invisible higher levels of consciousness (impromptu/a)**

### **Headlines**

- We need to trust the real unfolding of consciousness that is happening

- Spirit/ higher realms inform all we do. People are depressed because have lost with our souls
- Status quo (stuck energy and changing) supports current structures which aren't fair and don't create openings

#### **Actions**

- Bringing spiritual energy/ paths into practical energy
- We don't feel drawn to politics/ political agendas of this day not able to commit to topics; therefore we are butterflies and coalesced
- Be flexible and trust our evolving human processes to create a different land or world, as things are moving and will continue to move

#### **Bristol 100% solar by 2020 (22/a)**

#### **Headlines**

- Creating jobs by installing solar integrated with green doors
- 'Free energy' for everyone
- Institutional continuity – it's done by us in a coop, backed by Bristol City Council

#### **Actions**

- A.S. Solar to set up in Bristol
- Solar roof on Hamilton House
- Organise funding and coop – so people can get solar installed for free and with no hassles
- Roll it out
- Continuous improvement