

The Banger

Spring 2010

BANG AGM April 13th

ALL WELCOME: Come and help us debate our priorities for the year ahead

This Year BANG has decided to move the AGM to April to avoid diary clashes with the Music Weeks in May. We hope that as many residents as possible (whether members or not!) will come along. The AGM will report back on what we've been doing over the past year, and discuss what our priorities should be in future. We will also appoint officers for the coming year. Please come and let us hear from you. Our meeting will be held in the Fulwood Room of Broomhill Methodist Church, accessed from Fulwood Rd. Meeting starts at 07.30.

'A Taste of Broomhill'...

BANG is organising an exciting community event on Saturday 5th June

This showcase for local food will involve the whole of the Broomhill District Centre. At the car park behind 'The Mount' (between Glossop Road and Newbould Rd) there will be an outdoor market for quality local food producers and suppliers and other fun food activities. This will also be the starting point for local food trails around the Broomhill centre. These will help people to explore our area and sample foods from the many cafes, restaurants and shops. And there will be prizes to win!

A smoothie bike, Banger Challenge, picnics and much more is on the agenda, and with live music to make the event go with a swing this will be a fun day out for everyone. Entry will be free. If you are a local producer or retailer who would like to get involved, have ideas to offer or simply want to know more, just visit our website www.broomhillonline.org.uk and follow the links!

...and if you could help

Food Fair needs a team of volunteers for the day

We are looking for at least 20 enthusiastic volunteers to act as stewards at the event and help out with duties such as traffic marshalling, litter picking and visitor information. Anyone is welcome, but we would particularly like to hear from young people (over 16) who might like to join in – you will have some fun and get a useful addition to your CV. Uniforms, training and free lunch provided! If you would like to join our team please email foodfair@thebang.org.uk.

Secret Garden: the fight goes on

We are getting the message across and there is still time to object!

Judging by an article in *The Star* recently, and from recent correspondence posted on the council's planning website, the University and their planning consultants are rattled by the strength of the reaction to their latest planning application for the Tupton Experimental Gardens site and are ratcheting up their response.

The Star article went on at length about the site being little more than a collection of derelict greenhouses, the real 'jewel' apparently being the ex-Botany Gardens behind the entrance on Hoole Rd, rather than the Victorian walled kitchen garden whose entrance gate is on Tuptonville Rd.

But our position has always been that both the walled garden *and* the Botany Garden are important historic gardens and should be conserved as public open space. At least the article shows that we are getting the message across that there is something very special behind those walls and gates, not just a 'brownfield' development site.

If you care about saving the 2000 plant species, the wildlife, the open space and the local history of this site, **you can still register your views** by writing to Trevor Sullivan, Planning and Development, Sheffield City Council, Howden House, S1, or go to the Council's website to leave comments directly. The planning application reference is 07/01380/FUL. (Note our own website has useful background information and hot links to the Council)

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR 2010 MEMBERSHIP? New year begins after the AGM!!

Suggested (voluntary) subscription per household is £10. Additional donations welcome.

Please make cheques payable to BANG and send them to BANG, 140 Manchester Road, Broomhill Sheffield S10 5DL, or look at our website for alternative payment methods. If you cannot pay but wish to remain a member just return this form without a cheque and ask for your name to be included on the membership register.

Please complete the reverse of this form (overleaf) and enclose it with your cheque or letter.

An Action Plan for Broomhill

Community consultation planned for June

Our Community Assembly has made some funds available to develop an Action Plan for the Broomhill Ward. It is intended to update, refine and develop the themes and priorities from the Broomhill Vision survey carried out back in 2003. It also aims to identify gaps and issues which may require better ways of communicating between the various bodies which deliver council services, the university, landlords in the area and the community associations. The money that has been made available is expected to come up with achievable actions to improve life in the locality. Work to gather views and develop the action plan will take place in June.

Broomhill Library: garden upgrade and new development

Funds found for enlarging the new library

Our community assembly has found a small pot of money to enable some improvements to the garden space in front of the existing Library building. There is going to be an event on 1st May at the Library to get the new garden planted. There is also some news on the new library. Sheffield council has allocated £300,000 to increase the size of the library when it relocates from its current home in Taptonville Road to a new commercial and residential complex in Ashgate Road.

Broomhill Shopwatch

What's happening on our high street

The York is now undergoing refurbishment to reduce the size of the pub, create a separate ground floor shop, and accommodation for rent on the upper floors. During the work a section of original wall on Glossop Rd was inadvertently demolished and we have been pressing for it to be reinstated to match the original.

Smart Sheffield shoe and bag outlet Muse Shoes has opened a new shop in Broomhill, it is nice to see some high end retail businesses moving into the area.

The Shake Club has closed as the premises have been taken over for conversion to flats. A sad loss to Broomhill, but its branch in West Street is still open.

A big welcome to Lokanta Turkish restaurant on Glossop Road. Special lunchtime deals are available for those who want to try out this great cuisine.

HMO's: change in law could have an impact on buy-to-let blight

Ten years ago, the National HMO Lobby was set up, and for the past decade, the Lobby has campaigned for planning controls on HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupancy). These objectives have finally been achieved! The Minister, John Healey, has announced that there will be (a) a new planning definition of HMOs (similar to the housing definition), and (b) a change to the Use Classes Order, so that conversion to HMO counts as 'change of use', and therefore requires planning permission. The legislation will not apply retrospectively, but landlords seeking to let to three or more unrelated tenants sharing after 6 April will need to consult the planning departments of their local authorities and may require planning permission for a change of use.

Late-night opening hours for takeaways are curtailed

But Northern Sole gets planning approval on appeal

Pizza Padrino has been refused permission to extend its opening hours to 04.15. Northern Sole won its appeal against refusal of planning permission to remain open until 04.00. The council have successfully prosecuted three fast food premises in Broomhill for trading in breach of their licensing conditions, and this enforcement action has prompted a flurry of applications for license extensions. Broomhill Friery, Oasis Pizza and Fernando's Pizza have all now applied to open until around 04.30 every night. Local residents who already experience late night noise and littering problems can write to the Licensing board to lodge objections to these extended hours (the deadlines are very soon). If you want to make your views known to the council please Email general.licensing@sheffield.gov.uk

Would you like to receive your BANGER by email?

If so please send an email to webteam@thebang.org.uk with the words BANGER PLEASE in the subject line

BANG MEETINGS We usually meet on the **second Tuesday of each month, at 7.30pm in the rainbow room of the Methodist Church on Fulwood Road (access from the car park at the rear of the building). Note that April's meeting will be the AGM and is in a different room, notice overleaf.**

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