**PPG MEETING**

**13 JUNE 2018**

**CHEADLE FIRE STATION**

**ATTENDEES:**

Sue Pyatt

Brian Clare

Ann Redfern

Betty James

Sue Clare

Leslie Thompson

**APOLOGIES:**

Moonyeen Thorley

Doreen Beresford

Rob Watkins

In the absence of the Chair – Moonyeen Thorley, Brian Clare opened the meeting, a warm welcome to all and especially Leslie Thompson a new member of the group.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and accepted as a true recorded proposed by Sue Clare and seconded by Ann Redfern.

Sadly Cynthia Willis had resigned from the group to due family matters.

**AWARENESS DAY:**

Sadly, despite tremendous efforts made to make the afternoon a success, there was a poor attendance by patients. However, three people did attend and felt that it was worth attending as they had received information of benefit to them.

Displays were supported by North Staffs Carers, Radcliffe’s Pharmacy, Cheadle Leisure Centre and Dementia.

Brian thanked the group for giving their time and supporting the afternoon.

The group was informed that Jane from Ratcliffe’s was willing to enquire if her manager would allow us to have an event within the Pharmacy. It was felt that this was a good idea and probably a Tuesday might be a better day to draw in the general public.

Sue explained to Leslie the reason for the awareness day.

It was felt that perhaps the group could attend surgeries in the morning to hand out flyers to patients, once a date had been arranged, as this might encourage more support.

Early autumn September/October was suggested.

**Walking for Health:**

It was felt that the day had proved to be a success, with 13 people attending. A gentle walk of 1.5 miles with coffee and biscuits served. This brought enthusiasm from the group, resulting in the decision to walk every two weeks during the summer months and once a month throughout the winter.

A discussion was held around doing a Charity fund raising walk, with the proceeds going to a local charity or the purchase of a seat, or even approaching JCB to see if they would sponsor us.

Sue Pyatt kindly went over the information that Rob had kindly sent to us:-

On line results – it was felt that this was not really a good idea for some as it could cause unnecessary stress.

Bowel cancer was up.

Speakers through the website had been a failure. Sue would approach Pam Hawkes on our behalf.

**Any other business:**

Bridgette Thorley had shown an interest in joining the PPG, but due to her disabilities she would be unable to attend meetings, but was willing to accept the minutes and discuss any issues arising via the internet.

Sue and Brian would discuss the situation with Moonyeen.

Ian Stewart had requested to be removed from the mailing list, Moonyeen to speak to him.

It was felt that we needed to boost members of the group.

A general discussion took place around the appointment system once again, but it was felt that there was no easy solution to be found at this time.

Bloods can now be done at Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre, Dawlish Drive, ST2 0EU.

The next meeting is 12 September 2018 at 10 am.