

Cambridge Sport Network Minutes of Meeting 10th December 2007 Cambridge Regional College

Present:

Debbie Kaye, Head of Active Communities, CCC
Sally Stanhope, Sports Development Manager, CCC
Andy Thompson, Sports Development Officer, CCC
Andy Thornley, CDSSA
Debbie Casey, Cambridge Regional College
Caroline Ward, Cambridge University
Shirley Oliver, SLM
Dan Hicks, SLM
Cathy Culshaw, Chesterton Sports Centre
Steve Goswell, Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club
James Mills, Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club
Sally Tippen, Cambridge City Hockey Club
Jenny Lowe, ECB
Jim Hill, Cambridgeshire FA
Dan Coley, Core Cambridge
Jane Fidler, SSCO, Cambridge School Sports Partnership
Ali Cope, PDM, Cambridge School Sports Partnership
Phil Kinsey, North Cambridge Sports Association
Joe Uttridge, North Cambridge Sports Association
Sarah Juggins, Perse Girls, South Cambridge Sports Association

Apologies:

Catherine Lymer, England Hockey
James Baddeley, Living Sport
Simon Churchman, SLM
Clare Collins, SLM
Dave Dean, Leisure at the Leys
Helen Johnston, Disability Sports Focus Group
Carolyn Jupp, East Cambridge Sports Association

1. SS/DK/AC discussed the history behind the community sport forum for the city, and the subsequent development of the SPAA. Once funding announcements were made in connection to local authority areas, the decision was made to develop a Community Sport Network for Cambridge city. This is to be known as Cambridge Sport Network.
2. JH made the point that NGB's need to link to the school sports partnerships more and saw the CSN as the opportunity to create stronger links. Football was felt to be slightly less strong in the city compared to South Cambs, as many more clubs are established there and city youngsters are thus moving to these clubs. JH sees the CSN as an opportunity to develop multi sport clubs together.

3. DC - secondary schools and FE can develop a support network through JSLA/CSLA and the development of volunteers. Many sports clubs struggle to access facilities and there was discussion around developing this group as a support network and infrastructure.
4. AC felt that the SCo's are the link between school and club. There is to be a specialist sports co-ordinator for FE to develop links further.
5. It was agreed to invite Anglia Ruskin and Homerton College onto the group for their input in terms of HE and a rep from the Community Safety partnership for input into how sport can input into reducing crime and anti social behaviour. SS to approach for next meeting.
6. PK keen to develop sessions in local area. Could CSN help assist and support the development of new clubs? PK could then filter young people into clubs from this work.
7. DK raised the Active People information, in which Cambridge city has favourable results. 26% of adults are taking part in activity three times per week. Cambridge City Council need to understand their role and the needs of the city in years to come as the population of the city is expected to grow by 40,000. AC mentioned that the PCT are doing a piece of research into types of people, their diet and why people are not taking part. This information will be useful to understand non-participation.
8. All agreed that the group would meet quarterly with minutes and an agenda circulated before the meeting. The group is looking for a chairperson to act as the face of the group in conjunction with SS who is leading on much CSN work at the moment. DK agreed to chair in the immediate instance and a chair would be discussed at the next meeting.
9. SS discussed the development of the community sport plan and what were the immediate priorities for the CSN – Increasing participation, coaching and volunteering and raising the profile of sport across the city. This had been identified through local community consultation, which identified lack of opportunities for certain age groups and issues around capacity for coaches, volunteers and clubs. The Skills 4 sport programme would look to address these issues by providing activities that people could access working with key sports across the city.
10. The group felt that there was an opportunity for the University to assist the CSN in terms of making facilities more accessible. CW raised the point that there needed to be work done with the colleges rather than the University. DK emphasised this point with the support to Cambridge and Coleridge Athletics Club by Cambridge University.

11. SJ asked how activities were going to be advertised to the local community and the group felt that it would be useful to develop a communications plan for the CSN as promoting activities to all sectors was an issue for all. It was felt that it would be useful to invite a representative from local media to attend a meeting so that they might understand any issues that they may have and vice versa. SJ and DC to provide suitable contact names for future meeting.
12. AT gave some feedback from the Sports Awards 2007, and how they would work for 2008. This was well received in its first year and now links to Living Sport's county awards. SS felt that this was considered important on a local level.
13. SS gave feedback regarding the development of a joint bid with NACRO, South Cambs and possibly East Cambs DC to the Football Foundation regarding diversionary activities for young people aged 14-20. A stakeholder meeting is planned for January 2008. All interested parties to attend this meeting.
14. SS talked about the potential development of work for the CSN around Sports aid in Cambridge. AT and SS had attended the county sports awards and heard of Peterborough Sports aid, which attracted investment from local businesses, providing financial support for local youngsters aged 12-18 years that were representing their region/country. There is a Cambridge Sports aid in existence but none of the CSN members had been engaged with this group. SG to meet with Sally Peck from Sports aid and report back at the next meeting as to how the CSN could look to become involved.
15. There was also discussion around a Cambridge Champions programme that could also be developed in the city to assist talented young athletes through the development of a voucher scheme.

Young athletes on the programme would be the members, partners were organisations that offered services such as physio, sport science support; and associates were the businesses who were investing money into the scheme. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

The development of a Cambridge Sports aid and Champions programme would be something that would raise profile of the CSN and sport in general.

16. DK gave the group some feedback for around London 2012. Living Sport are taking the lead for this work. All felt that it was important to have representation from Living Sport at future meetings.

Local authority priorities would be to add value and manage the impact. The impact of 2012 is to be an agenda item at future meetings to

identify as a group what we would like to do or be involved in. Liz Hughes to be invited to future meeting.

County 2012 framework to be sent to CSN members.

17. DK presented an update for the Sports Strategy 2008-2013, which will include elements around education, increasing participation, community safety, wellbeing and the growth agenda.

Cambridge City Council to commission work to review formal sporting infrastructure for indoor facilities, outdoor facilities, floodlit pitches and swimming. There will be a stakeholder/community workshop in the new year around the sports strategy which will address city and community priorities. **JL written facility strategy for cricket in Cambridgeshire – to be sent to DK.**

18. SG requested that documents be available on website for group to access. AT to put pdf's on website. A new CSN website to also be developed in the new year.

19. DK thanked all for attending and for the group to use it as an opportunity to network and share the work that they are doing with each other.

Date of next meeting 28 January 2008 @ Netherhall School, Library Conference Room, 10am.