

Love Oxted AGM Notes

2nd November 2021, The Woodhouse Centre

Sustainability

Adrian Pointer from Simply Sports gave a short presentation on Sustainability, a key area in the Business Plan. Simply Sports have four stores in Oxted, Reigate, Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge and became carbon neutral in 2020.

Adrian has been looking at how businesses can work together as a town to make improvements that benefit the environment, each town and business as well as provide an opportunity to set Oxted apart. The current area of focus is how best to help members of the BID get involved at their own pace and within the requirements of not only the overall objectives but also issues specific to their industry (eg food vs financial services vs jewellery). For example "The Green Salon" already have a comprehensive help and advice program for Health and Beauty businesses. In addition some of the nationals will also have their own programmes which may complement activity by independent businesses. They may also be able to share best practice.

The first stage of this project is for businesses to measure their carbon footprint with the BID, supported by HSBC, exploring an app that will enable businesses to track carbon usage. The aim is to hold a meeting in the spring for businesses. To discuss in more detail and launch the app.

Open Discussion

Businesses were also invited to comment on the proposal for Promoting Oxted as a Destination and marketing and events activity for 2022.

The meeting was also attended by the local police team and council officers to discuss any issues that businesses wanted to raise.

BID Board Directors

Two BID Board Directors have resigned: Barbara Khattri, Elements and Sally Hill, Oxted Health Centre.

The number of Directors standing for election did not exceed the number of positions available. The BID Board Directors are therefore: Robert Leech, Robert Leech; Adrian Pointer, Simply Sports, Anne-Marie Dickinson, Number44 and Home Edit; Matt Hagan, The Deli.

The board are keen to encourage more businesses to get involved and join the Board, particularly service businesses and those on Station Road West.