**Newington Big Local - Minutes of Meeting**

**at St Christophers Church**

**21/7/2015**

**~ The Copse –** The new pond liner is to be purchased as soon as the measurements have been obtained. Once this has been purchased, help will be needed to re-line the pond.

**Simon** voiced concerns over being able to easily obtain items he requires for The Copse.

Carl suggested a sum of Petty Cash should be kept at the Green Roof Shelter for The Copse and the sum agreed for this was £500.

Sam informed us that she has a hard hat to donate to Simon.

Cara is to check how much is left in The Copse budget and then once she knows what items are required they can be purchased. – Items needed include a pond pump.

Steph mentioned she is happy to help at The Copse once a week and we also discussed organising a group clear up day in there soon.

Steph is going to get back in contact with B&Q to see if they are still happy to donate a generator to the group.

**~ Credit Union:** It is felt that this is in need of more promotion, to further spread knowledge of it.

There were some concerns raised regarding the laptops used, partly involving confidentiality and it was discussed that those involved should have confidentiality training.

**~ Events:** the summer plans for the summer events were discussed.

~ **Tess (Marsh Monitors):** Has been speaking to partnership members about the N.B.L Story so far.

~ **Citizens Advice** are to be arranging a ‘pop-up’ in Newington to find local residents who may be interested in training as advisors.

~ **Policing/crime:** P.C.S.O Prentice has had a Meeting with Steph & Cara; a few issues in the area were discussed with him. He re-iterated the importance of things being reported when they happen.

~ **Sherree Bell** spoke about her idea for a new project that would deliver adult social care.

~ **Peter Curtis** spoke about his idea for a response aide, which is in the form of a call-button pendant.

He would be keen to employ 2 local young people as part-time controllers. Those visiting the service users would be able help with things like checking smoke alarms, helping to find trusted tradesmen if required, etc and could generally help to keep an eye on the service users well-being.

~ **Team Building:** This is on 11th September.

~ **Trafford Hall training** was discussed. This would be a 2 or 3 day residential trip.