

BODY OF SOUND STEERING GROUP MEETING

Wednesday 10TH January 2018

Attendance – Liz, Wendy, Leni, Stef, Kate, Gill M, Gill U, Jenny, Gill D, Izzy, Julia, Lisa

Social – Clothes swap – thought that not enough time to organise last autumn. One to be arranged at a later date.

Performances – Izzy to stay in contact with hospital.

Facebook – Liz was looking at this. We need to re-consider whether we want public or private. At the moment not sure which to have. Part private part public not possible at the moment. Could we have a public one that has an email link on or a message that says please email? It's just to offer info to the public, some photos, a video/soundfiles and info/blurb about what we do. We would need to use the BOS email. Not to have Gill Moore's email on the Facebook as Membership person. Can we change our email so it's linked to a particular person? – to ask Anna – or we can change the BOS@gmail name slightly if we can't find these details.

Baby policy group – Jenny, Miri and Kate to arrange a meeting

Residential –

1 – We feel it's important to have, normally would be in Laurieston this year however not certain this year.

Lisa is happy to contact to Lockerbrook – although if anyone else want to take thus on that is fine. Laurieston have said no guest weeks this year.

Lisa has talked to Kate F and Voca Loca and they have the same group and would love to meet up with us. Kate F has looked at some possible venues that would be similar distance for both group (1 Allerton World Peace Sanctuary - in Dumfries - 2 – Also in Dumfries – She is waiting for info back from them. 3 – North Wales would also be an option but South Scotland is much better)

Lockerbrook is booked up until June. There is a free weekend at the end of June but same as Street Choir event. If Voca Loca came to Lockerbrook it would mean flying.

Are we making it inaccessible for some of our members if we go so far?

With Lockerbrook it makes it easier for people to come for the day.

Do we subsidise travel costs for Voca Loca?

Do we get more people coming to Lockerbrook? - Not many more

A residential for just us is really valuable for new people to get to know longer standing members.

Lockerbrook is pretty cramped for eating. Would we have to put a limit on numbers if we invite Voca Loca? We wouldn't want to put a limit on our choir going. Also we don't want Voca Loca to have to fly.

Points -

A – We want a residential

B – We want all our choir to have chance to come

C – We would like to keep ties with Voca Loca

D – Voca Loca's attendance determines the location

E – Could we go to N Ireland? – Not really wanted

F – How about – this year we just have BOS residential and look to next year to have one with Voca Loca as we have more time to find somewhere more suitable. Also Laurieston may be available.

G – Could we ask the whole choir to get a rough idea as to who could go and would want to travel to meet up with Voca Loca for this or next academic year? Gill D put an email out to choir to gauge interest.

H – How about we go to Lesley's barn and have a weekend thing there with camping as this year's residential? – Kate to ask - Then have a Lockerbrook residential in late Oct/autumn.

An extra steering meeting 14th Feb to discuss residentials.

Website – Really old. Needs some changes. Gill U asked if we could get someone to have a look at it and update it. Kate has a contact – will ask how much. Lisa also knows someone to ask if not.

Street choirs (Brighton)– Gill Dean . Are we interested in Street choir event 29th June – 1st July.? Gill D to send info round to whole choir and see if anyone wants to go. Anyone who's new and wants to go let the steering group know and they can hook them up with anyone else going.

Gill U to find out dates for next year as it's in Manchester. When we know the date Kate is happy for us to go as a choir and keep the date free.

9th March - Sheffield Palestine Women's group (through Catherine Gaze) have asked us if we could sing. Not sure just yet what type of event it is.

Transgender choir point - We ought to be aware, as a choir, of any members joining who are transgender, and how we can best accommodate their voices. Could Kate go to Out Aloud's training? Kate and Gill U to get together to talk about it.