



Southern Men's Shed Network

Monday 15th January 2018

Hosted by Eastleigh Men's Sheds

(Venue: Pilands Wood Centre. Chamberlayne Rd, Bursledon. SO31 8DT)

Present: See attached list (approx 35 in total)

Apologies: Dave Woodhead (Silvers), John Worley (Havant), Andy Pottinger (Portsea)

Steve Redrup (SMSN Co-ordinator) chaired the meeting.

1. Welcome and Introduction

Stephen Redrup welcomed everyone to the Pilands Wood Community Centre where we were guests of the Eastleigh Shed. He thanked the Eastleigh Shed for setting up the event and providing food & refreshments.

2. Eastleigh Shed

Bryan Booth (Eastleigh Chair) described the present situation of the Eastleigh Shed. They will have to move soon. Probable location is a Scout Hut at the Country Park. He invited everyone to contribute towards the cost of the event – and announced a Raffle to be drawn at half-time.

3. General Shed News/Updates

READING: Nails all gone (went as scrap iron).

PORTSEA: Now set up as a CIO and currently based at St. George's Church, Portsea. The lease will expire in June and we are looking for new premises. St. Margaret's Church (deconsecrated) in Eastney is a possibility – but there are difficulties with the building and with getting decisions from the current owners.

COLDEN COMMON: They have a lease on their Shed – 25 Years + 6 months on Church property. They are seeking Planning Permission for 3 sheds and have applied for funds from the Parish Council. They would like to host the SMSN Meeting in the future.

ROMSEY: They have built their Shed and have a 4-year lease. 'Topping-out' next Thursday. In March they will have VIPs for an Official Launch. They would like to host the next SMSN Meeting (April 9th).

POOLE: Still struggling with the Council – awaiting a grant (£21,000) which has been approved in principle subject to various conditions. The Council are offering a 5 year renewable lease. They will have a similar Shed to Romsey. They are now involved with the Miniature Railway in Poole Park.

BASINGSTOKE: A second Shed is due soon. Queen Mary College have offered a Portakabin shed. They are now able to expand and hope to be open 3 days a week. Fundraising is going well – cooking and selling Sainsbury's sausages.

HAYLING: No Shed yet. They have been offered a Shed 'in principle' by the Church – but held up by lack of decision-making. Now been offered a second site – under discussion with the Council. Fundraising is going well – small local efforts, some events shared with other groups (e.g.: The Lions).

ALTON: Looking at the 'bigger picture'. They are working with the Churches (4 Local Churches with 1 Minister – who has given them an agreement). They put in a bid for funding from TESCO and got it (£2615). This has to be for a specific project. They have been making presentations to several Charities and Housing Associations.

One shed made a point of thanking Cookie for the idea of Reindeer at Christmas – they raised £2000.

FORUM WEBSITE: Steve explained that Security is now back ON (following Porn Attacks). Registration is now necessary if you want to gain access and add information.

4. Brian Cooke (UKMSA)

The AGM was held in Northampton. The new Director of Services did not do the launch of the new Website or the Ambassador Project (this was done by others). Several new Regional Groups have been set up - based on the SMSN model. Currently there are 429 Sheds set up and a further 109 in Planning. The Ambassador Project is going well. Regional Networks are a good thing enabling interaction and sharing of information. Could be useful if the Network Co-ordinators were able to communicate / meet to also swap ideas between Regional Networks.

The new Website includes guidance on CIO, Health + Safety, Insurance, etc – maintained by the Director of Services. The next AGM will probably be held in the North of England – and it is hoped that there will be a number of Regional Conferences.

Andover Shed is now looking to set up a second Shed (Arts Centre + Model Railway).
Martin Todd (Mens Health UK) is running a project based on the Hampshire Food Project.
New facilities available for Tool Cycling.

Advice: 'Get to know your Councillors' – they may have money to spend – especially towards the end of the budget year.

Fund-raising Ideas: Farmers Market worked well - £600 raised in 2017 at 2 Markets (Bird Boxes, Bird Tables, Planters, Sausage Sizzler). 3 Markets in 2018.

Pallet Furniture: Turning Pallets into Garden Seats, Benches, etc.

Banks: Lloyds, TSB, have Charity Funding available – worth an approach. RBS have a Project for promoting Mens Sheds up and down the country - plenty of publicity available with invitations to various events.

Charities: The Rayne Foundation have put up £150 for the next 3 years – and suggested that AGE UK and AGE CONCERN should take a look at the Mens Shed movement.

Donations: Over the Christmas period donations of about £1000 were received.

Membership Fees: Fees this year will be £20.

Q&A: How many of these 430 Sheds have joined the UKMSA? Increasing: Gone up from 5% to 30% recently.
Subsequent answer: Now about 150 Sheds paid up (last year just 30). We need to get 100%. Publicity will help: there will be a day at the House of Commons this year (Loneliness Campaign).

Any views or feedback on why so few Sheds have joined? UKMSA must do a better job for its members and for the movement. The new Website will help – together with Regional Meetings such as this one. Bigger Membership means more funds for the National Body for publicity etc.

New Chairman? Margaret Walker is now in post. She has good experience of fundraising.

Why do we have a woman to head up the Mens Shed movement? All of the top Officers are women.

We must get membership up to 100% quickly.

100% Membership would give UKMSA another £15,000 which will enable it to do more.

We should avoid the term ‘Mental Health’ – better to talk about ‘Wellbeing’.
Sheds should be at the forefront of NHS Wellbeing. Agreed.

5. Hampshire County Council Food and Social Fund

Alexia (HCC) was not available – so this was presented by Brian Cooke.

FOODFEST 2018 will involve Sheds in the Loneliness and Wellbeing campaigns. The idea is to help older men to cook for themselves – and it is an opportunity to promote your Sheds.

Brian Cooke has £10,000 to spend and if each event costs £1,200 then 8 events are possible within the budget.

A Catering Team will come in, set everything up, do the demonstration, run the tasting. A visit to the Shed can then follow. Minimum 6 participants. You just need a room – big enough for 8 people. Cookers, food, utensils, cutlery etc – all brought in. Mondays for preference. All costs will be met by Brian out of his budget.

Jamie Oliver is running a similar scheme at Westfield in West London – maybe he could be persuaded to come and help.

This is a Hampshire initiative – possible that other Counties will offer something similar. There are 31 Sheds in Hampshire and 36 Sheds in the SMSN.

Discussion: Brian Cooke attends Regional Meetings in order to get feedback and ideas for UKMSA - which now has quite a lot to offer (e.g.: Insurance).

Can UKMSA organise Insurance for individual Sheds? Yes. ZURICH now has a Mens Shed Insurance policy. Another company (Export and General) is now prepared to offer an Insurance package.

What potential for other areas to set up Regional Networks? There are already Regional Networks in Somerset, Norfolk + Suffolk, Milton Keynes. It looks likely that West Sussex and Dorset might set up their own Networks. These Networks are ‘self-generating’ – and many more Networks are expected.

UKMSA exists to help set up Mens Sheds – and to offer Advice and Guidance to individual Sheds.

SMSN is intended to be an informal arrangement between local Sheds.

Break for Informal Discussions (Poole Tables) and Raffle Raffle raised £54.

6. New (EU) General Data Protection Regulations – GDPR May 2018 (UK Data Protection Act replacement)

Steve Redrup explained that new regulations are coming in (May 2018).

Details are available on the Website of the Information Commissioner’s Office WWW.ICO.ORG.UK

Under the existing Data Protection Rules – most Membership Clubs do not need to register.

The ICO Website includes a Self-Assessment Registration facility.

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/register/self-assessment/>

There are 6 Leading Questions (shown in the presentation). Steve concluded that most of us would not need to register (but we can do so voluntarily) – however, we must adhere to the principles of Data Protection. Sheds with their own CCTV will need to register.

Discussion: What about Shed Members who have Medical conditions or Issues which others should know about? Some Sheds use a system of 'sealed envelopes' with Medical Details, Doctor's Surgery number, etc – with a Name on the front (to be opened in emergency). Others retain an 'In Case of Emergency' (ICE) List. Members should be encouraged to leave an **ICE** contact on their mobile phones.

The most common injury is likely to be 'Cut and Bleed' – should we record Blood Groups?

Shouldn't be necessary as medical staff should have access to patient records.

What if someone has a Pacemaker?

Do not use Electric shock resuscitator.

Should we record whether individuals have the capability of operating Machinery?

Should be in an individual's Members Handbook.

Should we use a Record of Attendance?

Ideally, Yes, even if only from a health and safety point of view.

Sheds will have to register under the Data Protection Act if they want to hold 'Special Category' or 'non-essential' information. This is generally considered private information which a person would not want made public. E.G. Race, Ethnic Origin, Politics, Religion, Medical History, Criminal History, Etc.

What are the implications of registering? There are 12 steps to go through (Data Controller's Procedures). A 'Data Processor' must be appointed. (Controller and Processor possibly the same person).

Cost of registering £30.

Brian Cooke will take this up with the UKMSA – and plan to provide an Advice later on.

Hayling Shed have been given the 12 Steps by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO). These to be emailed to Steve for display on the Forum.

What if Members want to contact each other (Addresses etc)? Lists of Addresses, emails, etc are best accessible only by the Officers of the Shed.

A Closed Facebook page allows all names to be visible – but only to signed-up Members of the Group.

What about 'Optional Information' which Members might care to provide? Name, Address, email, ICE, Doctor's Surgery etc – could be held on a Card File (No need to register).

Copy of Presentation and 12 Steps document included in Minutes Distribution

7. AOB

We are coming up to the 2nd anniversary of the Southern Men's Network

It was generally agreed that **Steve Redrup** should carry on as Network Coordinator.

But if anyone would like to turn, please put your nomination forward for the next meeting.

CARFEST will be held again this year. There is a suggestion that 9 'Pudsey' Pedal Cars should be built for the Grand Carnival Parade.

Thanks to Eastleigh Shed for hosting the Meeting.

8. Next Meeting

Next SMSN Meeting will be on Monday April 9th at the Romsey School.

Meeting Closed at 15:25.
