

Community Base participant group meeting 27th March 2007

The meeting was attended by Annette (Community Base), Emily and Lynsey (Carr-Gomm) and Ros (aMaze).

1 Kitchens

Annette said she had received an email from Melanie of the Working Together Project asking that tea towels are changed more often. It was agreed that tea towels were sometimes dirty and Annette said she would talk to the cleaners about this.

Melanie's email also requested that the third floor kitchen door should be hung the other way as it is a bit tight getting into the kitchen because of the new fridge. Annette said she would look into this.

Annette said she had received an email from Debbie of the Carers Centre asking that an urn with permanent hot water and a dishwasher be bought for every kitchen in Community Base. The meeting agreed that unattended urns could be dangerous and it was suggested that large offices could purchase an insulated flask to keep larger quantities of water hot. People felt that dishwashers were unnecessary as not a lot of washing up was done at Community Base, mainly just mugs. Annette said Community Base was committed to reducing energy use and a balance always had to be struck between convenience and that commitment.

Debbie had also asked about having designated spaces for each participant group's tea and coffee in each kitchen. People felt some more space for teabags etc would be useful but were not sure that a cupboard/shelf per organisation was necessary.

2 Solar water heating

Annette told the meeting that solar water heating would be installed soon on Community Base's roof.

Annette said she's heard from Mel at TB Alert that people could buy solar desk fans for the summer and she could tell people where to get them.

3 Fridges

Annette said that as part of our commitment to reduce energy consumption Community Base had put energy efficient fridges in every kitchen for communal use by participant groups rather than having individual groups each have their own fridges. Some people felt that there would be resistance to this from some groups but it would be good way to reduce our energy usage.

Emily said that Carr-Gomm staff would use the fridge in the coffee room if it was cleaner. Annette said that the cleaners should be cleaning all the communal fridges regularly and would check that this was happening.

4 Postal scales

Annette said she had had a suggestion that we get more heavy duty postal scales to cope with heavier parcels. People felt that most people only weighed letters and small packets so the scales were ok.