

Diabetes U K Ashford Support Group

Committee Meeting No 22

15/11/2011

Present at meeting:

Mark Endacott (Chairperson), Sarah Strand (Vice Chairperson), Mike Owen (Treasurer), Richard Borthwick (Secretary), Heather Egginton, Penny Moore and Colin Strand.

- The Chairperson welcomed everybody to the meeting.
- A brief discussion was held regarding the small number of people that attended the last meeting in October but no reason could be found.
- The open forum at the next meeting on 6th December was discussed. Chairs are to be placed in a semi circle to make discussion easier, the chairman will lead the discussions and also present a summary of what the group has been doing. Also, members are to be asked what they want from the group and they will also be asked about their experiences with the treatment of their diabetes. Lastly, there will be a presentation of Christmas recipes.
- The latest list of dates for the monthly meetings is as follows:

6th December – Open forum

7th February 2012 – The speaker will be the Surgery Nurse from the surgery that Mike attends.

10th April 2012 – speaker yet to be arranged.

12th June 2012 - speaker yet to be arranged.

- The Vice Chair has had no success as yet to find a speaker from the renal unit. Difficult to speak to anybody.
- John Deeble, Exercise Referral Coordinator, to be approached to address the April or June meeting. Chair to liaise with Dave Robinson. Gary Fagg also to be considered for one of these dates.
- Heather to approach Dr Williams to find out on which dates he would be available next year, in particular for the the April or June meetings.
- The Committee's Xmas lunch will again be in the New Year, on Friday 27th January at the Farriers Arms in Mersham. Mike to organise and he will need to know who wishes to attend at the next general meeting on 6th December. Partners are invited.
- The group web site was discussed during which it was stated that changes should be made as it was quite difficult to use and should be more user friendly. Chair to investigate.
- The next committee meeting will take place on 13th March 2012 at the Blacksmith Arms in Ashford at 19.30