

Role of participants at CAGs

The following points summarises what commitment and understanding is expected by those who choose to attend CAGs:

Working together

- towards shared goals and finding positive solutions
- forming links to help local people and organisations to come together

Fairness

- raising awareness about inequality
- working out how things can be changed
- recognising and respecting that everyone has skills & knowledge
- learning from mistakes as well as successes

Participation

- helping individuals to get involved in decision making which affects their lives
- promoting the work and message of the Partnership

Community awareness

- raising awareness of communities' concerns and linking local concerns to the bigger picture

On-going

- working with all people and groups so that change lasts
- using resources responsibly

What CAGs are not

The following points are an attempt to answer common questions raised in previous CAGs.

CAGs are not set up to be:

- **Quick**

community regeneration is a long term process, focusing on people and their needs and aims. This long term approach is essential to ensure that changes are sustainable and long-lasting

- **A numbers game**

if only five people turn up to the meeting, these are the five people you start working with

- **Consultation**

CAGs are much more than consulting on decisions already made

- **A cheap way of delivering services** or validating funding bids

- **Talking Shop**

the CAGs are the responsibility of all the people and members who attend to develop and progress positive partnership working

- **The answer to everything**

CAGs are set up to deal with local issues and plan local solutions not to be the answer to everything

The CAG is set up to give you local information and support you in developing community solutions. The structure of the CAGs supports this process in the following way:

Agency involvement

WBSP nominated partners
 WM Police
 WM Fire Service
 Teaching Primary Care Trust
 Housing Partnership
 Education Walsall
 Community Empowerment Partnership Board

LNP nominated Chair
 Neighbourhood Police Team
 Streetpride
 Youth Service
 GPs
 Parks and Open Spaces
 Libraries
 Planning
 Transportation
 Neighbourhood Wardens
 WBSP

Local Neighbourhood Partnerships

*Local strategic decision makers
 Influencing services and resources
 commissioned by WBSP*



Community Action Groups

*Operational tasking groups
 Developing local solutions to local issues
 Engaging local groups and people with service providers*

2 groups meeting bi-monthly –
 (1) Environment and community safety
 (2) People and Health
 Membership reflecting issue(s) discussed

3rd Sector

Ward Councillors
 Voluntary and community sector
 service representatives x 10

Community Umbrella Groups

Residents groups
 Street champions
 Local interest groups (faith, disability, young people, BME)
 Geographic networks
 Neighbourhood Watch
 Community Assoc

Hold regular community mtgs.
 Sign post issues.
 Take issues to community action groups if unable to sign post.