

## **Othona at Bradwell on Sea – Community Open Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

19 people attended this meeting. Debbie welcomed everyone and hosted the meeting by asking people questions for discussion and their responses.

### **What have you enjoyed this week?**

Meeting new people

Work & play-Mix balance

Engaging everyone for chores etc

Great food & diet & preparation

Rhythm of the day + time in the day and the Slowness of the day

Bell rung to encourage people

Food for everyone - all needs met, but unfussy

Swimming all ages.

Well knit group together

### **What could have gone better? or What can be improved for new people and welcoming them?**

It is already very welcoming

Perhaps introductions at the first chapel of an event, or a welcome session

Programme available for people day by day or week.

First arrivals on 1st day need to understand that is chill time.

Programme could be emailed in advance to outline timings – all agreed.

### **What about the chores and duty lists?**

Perhaps it could be clearer, larger Format - A3 size + reminders.

Read out someone's name 1st then their Duty function

Clearer instructions are needed for the tasks.

Perhaps Job cards could be created alongside the Duty list.

Jobs need to be assigned proportionately for the right number of people i.e. Clean kitchen and dining room floors are large 2 person jobs.

Deaf awareness needed for speaking clearly at Notices in the dining room.

Communication clarity of times changes to be updated.

Information about bringing bedding and towels needs to be clearer.

Also update the Essential Kit list on the website to include a torch.

### **Future Ideas for Programme?**

Foraging + Cooking food etc....

Walking week etc. (Burton Bradstock example)

More Working Weekends

Prices generally accepted at a good level

Mid-week working programme linked to a working weekend.

'Plant a tree week'

Continued.....

**What drew you Othona this time?**

A lot of people already knew someone here this week.

It is nice to be away at this time.

The Topic of Well-Being is felt for many people at the moment.

Mental Well-Being etc is a struggle for many.

Geographically accessible from London

Potentially you could reach more Parishes and churches in London and for poorer families for Holidays.

We could develop more targeted marketing and awareness to include more Schools groups.

**Any other questions or comments?**

Making sure the founding Vision of Norman Motley of Peace Reconciliation is shared, passed on and is still very inspirational.

New people induction presentations.

Social Media is very positive and keep it going and building, providing more information.

Trustees structures seen as unhelpful and membership role and awareness is unclear, for example

Members no longer Voting at the AGMs and lack of newsletters.

Greater hearing and deaf Awareness for speakers at Chapel.