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LSRA AGM APRIL 2023 Chair's Report

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It was another busy and successful year for LSRA. We've got a great team of people working together to get things done. Thanks to all.

We held 14 litter picks last year. We've tried different days and different times but attendance remains low, with the same loyal people attending each time. Unfortunately, rubbish continues to be a dominant topic in our area, especially in the entries at the Stockport Road end of Mayford Rd, Balleratt St and Portville Road. The communal bins have been removed, and people given individual bins, but this has not solved the problem of people dumping their rubbish. We continue to work with the Councillors and the Council to look at what can be done to stop this.

Our highlight was Lev Square Fest 2022, held in Cuthbert Ave. This involves lots of hard work behind the scenes and on the day by volunteers to ensure it works (and some luck with the weather). Thanks to all the volunteers, as well as those who supported us with equipment and donations/grants. It was attended by about 250 people and we were able to continue to provide everything for free.

We started some work with the Carbon Coop, to support an event to promote their project to retrofit some houses on Cuthbert Ave. This did not happen due to staff changes at the Carbon Coop but good to make the link.

The Neighbourhood Manager for our area has asked us to look after the defibrillator on Chapel St, which we've happily accepted.

For the future, we're planning for Lev Square Fest 2023, we've registered for the Great British Spring Clean (pledged to collect 12 bags of rubbish on our next two litter picks) and we're hoping to get some compost to revamp the planters in the entries.

We'd love more people to be involved - we're a friendly group and work as a team, everyone is welcome.

Debbie Burton

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