



## **Secretary's report City Synergy AGM Feb 2013**

It is always a pleasure to look back over the previous year and see how much we have achieved over that period

At the start I want to say a big thank you to the committee and to all the volunteers for your commitment, enthusiasm and everything you have contributed to our group in 2013 and to all members for your support of our activities

When we chose the word Synergy it was to express how we could achieve a lot together and I believe it is the partnership between members and volunteers that is so important in our ongoing success

It is always good to welcome new members and volunteers and I want to take this opportunity of thanking Barbara, Ron and Darren who joined the team during the year. Pauline sadly had to stand down for health reasons and we wish her well and hope to see her from time to time.

This year we organised 29 activities including 7 pub events, 4 lunches, 2 Talks, several days out, including Nymans, Petworth and Newhaven Fort, a Boat trip, Chocolate tasting, a pamper day and who could forget City Synergy's very own Ballroom for Strictly City Synergy graced by our professional dances Ola and Kristina

We were also present at 3 events with a stall publicising our activities

We once again have been successful in fundraising getting a grant from the Robin Hood Pub and funding through the Waitrose community scheme. It is probable that new funding will become more difficult in coming years hence we are needing to think again about doing our own fundraising.

Looking ahead we have a number of exciting plans in the pipeline and are looking forward to your ideas, It is great that we are able to get Sound Tennis going in Brighton & Hove in the next few weeks and we hope many will come along and enjoy taking part.

We are starting to use facebook and twitter to publicise our activities alongside our website and

have introduced Mydonate as a new way to raise funds. We always welcome any suggestions as to how to improve and develop what we are doing and particular to reach more people with sight loss in our city.

So once again, thank you to everyone and heres to another great year

Paul Gillett

Secretary

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