

## **Peacehaven and Telscombe Regeneration Partnership**

### **Education and Training Working Group**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February - 11am at the Peacehaven House Project

#### **Agenda:**

**1. Present:** Liz Lee (Working Group Leader)– Lewes District Council, Linda Burnett – Resident, Anne Palethorpe - University of the Third Age, and Donald Shier – House Project Partnership Support Worker.

**2. Apologies:** David Brindley and Rosie Boxer - Sussex Downs College (Which used to be Lewes Tertiary College).

**3. Minutes of the last meeting** were read and agreed.

#### **4. Matters Arising from the Last Minutes:**

- **Coastal Renaissance Partnership Education Report.** Liz has obtained a copy of this and will read it. **Action:** Liz to report back to the next group meeting.
- **Self employed people's network.** Liz Lee has emailed to the Brighton and Hove Enterprise Agency. They will look for any contacts they have with self employed people in this area and will let her know. **Action:** Liz to report back to the next group meeting.
- **Training Needs of the Self-Employed:** The Commercial and Retail working group organised an open meeting for self-employed and small business people at Telscombe Civic Centre at 5.45pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately no one turned up.
- **SCIP** Donald has contacted the Sussex Community Internet Project to invite them to a meeting. The relevant person is busy at present but would be interested to attend in future **Action:** Donald to contact them again and report back to the next group meeting.

**5. New members of this group:** The meeting welcomed Linda Burnett to the group. She is a local resident of Telscombe Cliffs and joined us through attending the Your Town Your Say Revisited open meeting at the Meridian Centre recently.

We are still very keen to see the head teachers of our two schools, especially the new secondary since this is an exciting new development in our community. David Neighbour, a local county councillor who is a member of the partnership, will talk to Fiona Wright, the new Peacehaven Community School head-teacher at the next school governors meeting to further appeal to her to attend our working group. We understand how busy she must be at present but would really like to see her.

**6. Sussex Downs College: Adult education/lifelong learning opportunities in Peacehaven and Telscombe.** Enclosed with these minutes are notes of a meeting between Donald and Rosie Boxer and David Brindley from the Sussex Downs College. This was supposed to be at a working group meeting but there was some confusion over dates. Nonetheless, Rosie and David gave Donald a very helpful and comprehensive survey of what adult education is being provided by the college for residents of our area. This included courses at the college in Lewes, at the Denton Island centre in Newhaven, evening and other Leisure Education classes held locally and Computer training by local organisations through the college's Newtap Scheme.

They also let us know about how the college is keen to look at new ways of providing adult education and attracting people who would not normally take part in lifelong learning. This could include people who need help with basic skills like literacy and numeracy.

David would like to know of local organisations where he could speak to members about what new kinds of classes they might like or what would tempt them to take part in adult education.

Liz told the group that people at the open evening suggested there might be a demand for cookery classes and flower arranging.

Linda and Anne suggested various opportunities for David to market the college's opportunities for education. These were as follows: Stalls in the Meridian Centre, especially during coffee mornings or market days and perhaps at cinema performances (pick popular films), Boot fairs at the Dell, The Telscombe Town Summer Fete and the next Lewes District Council Leisure Services open day at the Meridian Centre, sometime in March?

It was also suggested that David should be put in touch with Michael Lamb, a youth worker who organises a local youth forum. This would give him an opportunity to consult with young adults.

**Any other business.** None.

**Date of next meeting: Friday 1st March, 11am at the House**