

Education and Training Working Group, Friday July 12th 2002

Present: Liz Lee, Jo Kidd, Mary Dunmore (minutes)

1. Apologies: Gill Short, Rosie Boxer, Linda Burnett

2. Minutes of the last meeting

2. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

The Adult Education at the Peacehaven Community School will be built up slowly. EMcore are willing to provide a receptionist and someone for IT on two evenings a week. They are concerned about equipment being used, for example for cookery. There will be classes in IT for beginners and a follow-up course, numeracy and beauty therapy. Sussex Downs will pay rent (though EMcore have been slow to say how much it will be). The courses will be advertised in the college's main prospectus which should be out soon.

Mary gave a brief update on the Commercial and Retail meeting held on Monday 15th July. There were five new members who had been contacted by Audrey Whitney through the Federation of Small Businesses. They all seem keen to carry on and decided that they did not want to form a new Chamber of Commerce but were a working group of the Regeneration Partnership. Liz said that she had been in contact with the Newhaven Chamber of Commerce and businesses from Peacehaven could join if they wanted to.

4. New Members

Mary gave a brief explanation of the University of the Third Age and will approach Rueben Langham, a member who provides training for the U3A to see if he could attend the meetings.

There followed a discussion about the possibility of providing Adult Education classes at the Leisure Centre. There were two possibilities:

1. Providing training that would lead to work - eg lifeguard, fitness instructor courses (this would in particular provide training for youths). The Community Safety Partnership could be a possible source of funding for this.
2. Training for health; including combining awareness of healthy eating with exercise.

Dawn Postlethwaite needs to be involved in the planning of this and will be invited to the next meeting which will be held at a time when David Brindley can attend since Sussex Downs involvement is vital.

The U3A members may also be interested in the healthy walks run by the Leisure Centre.

Jo also told the meeting that the school holiday playscheme that is run at the Leisure Centre has fewer children booked in than there is capacity for and that she feels that the price is factor preventing some of the community from participating. It costs £7.25 for a half day and £14.50 for a full day, which is in line with some other play schemes but is a lot for those on a low income, especially if they have more than one child. It was felt funding bids could be made in the name of the Regeneration Partnership and this will be put forward at the next meeting of the partnership.

Date of the next meeting: to be arranged.