

Peacehaven and Telscombe Regeneration Partnership

Education and Training Working Group

23rd November 2001 - 11am at the Peacehaven House Project

Agenda:

1. Present: Liz Lee - District Council, Anne Palethorpe - U3A, David Brindley and Joy Mercer Lifelong Learning, Sussex Downs College (ex LTC) and Donald Shier.

2. Apologies: None

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 has put out flyers inviting representatives of local businesses and self-employed people to attend the next meeting of that group. The meeting will discuss training needs and will be at Telscombe Civic Centre at 5.45pm on Thursday 29th November.
- **Denton Island** Donald has e-mailed Gill Short who is the manager responsible for Denton Island for information on what they can offer and to see whom from Peacehaven and Telscombe attends their classes. **Action:** Donald to report back to the next group meeting.
- **SCIP** Donald has also e-mailed the Sussex Community Internet Project to invite them to a meeting. **Action:** Donald to report back to the next group meeting.

5. New members of this group: David Brindley has joined this working group. He is development co-ordinator for lifelong learning for the Sussex Downs College which is a new college formed by joining together Lewes Tertiary College and Eastbourne College of Arts and Technology. He is keen to work with us to develop adult education in Peacehaven and Telscombe.

6. Presentation by David Brindley on Lifelong Learning Development and the Sussex Downs College: His role is to work in partnership with people like us to develop adult education and make sure the people who need it can get access to it. He is involved with four main things: Looking at how to make the college's courses easier for people to attend, marketing the courses and making sure everyone who is interested knows about them, setting up and running classes in local areas, and, new ideas to make adult education work for more people. He is particularly interested in setting up classes in our area for young mothers. These need to be somewhere where childcare can be provided. **Action: Donald to e-mail him a list of playgroups in this area.**

The college is interested to know from us what kind of classes people in Peacehaven, Telscombe and East Saltdean want to attend so that they can put them on. We can

also tell them what would make their classes more attractive to local people. They are already running some classes at the Telscombe Civic Centre and others in Peacehaven, for example, committee skills with the North Peacehaven Community Association and computer skills at the House Project and the Library. Literacy, numeracy and IT are the sorts of skills they have so far identified a demand for around here. David gave us some notes on what he does and how he sees us helping each other. Donald and Liz have copies if anyone would like to see them.

There was some discussion of the needs of retired people for courses and learning. The U3A run classes locally for their members and will have a good idea of what people want at the top end of the spectrum. It is possible that basic skills could be useful also for some elderly people who missed out on education early in life.

Any other business. None.

Date of next meeting: Friday 24th January, 11am at the House Project.