

Selsey Community Forum: Notes of the Forum Meeting

11th July 2018, 4.15pm at The Academy (Selsey)

Immediately following our Annual General Meeting where 13 people representing active local groups and organisations attended there was an interesting discussion session. Chairman Mike Nicholls welcomed everyone present and expressed appreciation to The Academy for their hospitality.

Discussion included the following topics relevant to the Selsey Community.

- Our new Selsey Care Shop now established at 121 High Street and being managed by Ronelle Juleff includes a "Selsey Carers" desk and "Befriending Service".
- Selsey Life (our local free magazine) in serious need of advertising revenue to prevent it becoming an online publication only.
- Selsey Dementia Action Alliance is now employing Sue Hancock as its organiser and needs volunteers to help develop its services. Contact Sue at Selsey Care Shop.
- Selsey Venture Club recently held its Annual General Meeting and has updated its Constitution. For details contact Brian Sharpe at the Venture Club.
- Befriending service actively supervised by Jill Eriksson
- Concern about recent closure of 2 care homes and what steps might be possible to support them. A topic for Selsey Vision project.
- Opportunities for friendship and support at "The Selsey Hub" 89 High Street
- Recent beach cleaning project organised by Neil Hill, Community Warden
- Road Safety Day at Manor Green Park, 28th. July 2 - 4 pm. Volunteer Stewards invited. Contact Cllr. Carol Purnell via. the Town Hall
- Lions Club inviting membership applications. Contact Colin Rickman
<https://www.selseyions.org.uk/index.html>
- The Academy School. Rebuilding progressing and occupation after Easter 2019 anticipated. Good level of interest from potential new students.
- Youth Dream counselling facility developing a 10 years business plan and quantify potential needs of young people in Selsey area. Congratulations to Kim Long, manager of "The Bridge" on completing her Master of Psychology course.
- Gainsborough Singers Charity Concert 9th. August afternoon. Contact Tony Martin 01243 607796 for details
- Karen Pirks of West Sussex County Council Learning section spoke about:
 - A training programme being put together for Carers and volunteers to start September.
 - A successful engagement with young people in regard to dementia awareness.
 - A possibility of bringing a Tut Tut to Selsey for older people to engage in rides around the town on a good day.
- Selsey Vision project instigated by CDC and STC to look at opportunities such as East Beach Development, sustainability of care homes, etc. The Forum represented by Chairman Mike Nicholls who is interested to discuss ideas.

- WARNING regarding the need to be aware of scams. Contact P.C. Richard Moorey Richard.Moorey@sussex.pnn.police.uk
- Selsey Festival organisation discussion deferred until next Forum meeting.
- Actions being taken:
 - Selsey Life...a meeting taking place with the publisher
 - Selsey Festival...a meeting is being convened in the autumn
 - Care Homes..the matter will be raised at Selsey Vision meeting on September 27th.
 - Branch banking...SCF will continue to monitor the service of the Post Office.

Date of next Selsey Community Forum meeting: Wed 19th Sep. 4.15pm at "The Academy".