

BIG LOCAL SOMPTING

Notes of working group meeting held on Thursday 14th February 2013 6.15pm

Attendees: Alun Jones, Resident; Chris Cervantes, Sompting Parish Council; Darren Lewis, Youth Pastor of Sompting Community Church; Jim Boot, Big Local Rep; Jonathan Paine, Sompting Community Church; Lee Billingham, Adur District Council; Sue Holland, Nelson Close Residents Association; Trevor Crowter, Resident.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss what lessons could be learnt from launch and drop in event held on 9th February at the Robert Woodard Academy and plan the next steps. The discussion started with what went well?

- Tea and coffee
- Allocating roles (to the team)
- Despite short lead in time worked well
- Maps and different stalls
- DVDs (being shown)
- Range of different media really important
- Range of committed people to talk and welcome
- Use a range of venues (in future) but a good venue
- Getting school (academy) involved

The discussion changed to what went less well or needs improving for future events?

- Longer lead in times and publicity
- Need to explain what you can spend the money on

A discussion followed on some initial ideas on what the Big Local £1 million could go on. Ideas included:

- Park, pavilion, loos, play areas and paths
- Community transport
- Sustainability (would be a key criteria for funding projects ie how to make the money last)
- (Generating) community spirit so neighbours help each other

It was proposed that a process planning workshop be held to get as many people as possible involved in planning the next steps. However, bearing in mind that lots more people need to be invited from local groups and organisations, it was too soon to hold a workshop and would need more people and different groups involved first. Other ideas discussed included:

- Need to keep the 25 people (who have expressed an interest in helping out) involved
- (Suggestions included attending) Little Teds for the young mums
- Football for young lads
- An event for Year 12s and 13s (sixth form) at the Academy – with FREE food
- (An event at) Sompting Village Primary School
- Hold the process planning workshop in approx. eight weeks
- Aim for the two week Easter Break

In the meantime it was proposed to hold two more drop in events aimed at Young People and Young Families (the two groups least represented at the Open Day) involving more groups, churches and neighbourhood watch. **Darren Lewis from the Community Church agreed to plan an event to attract young people. Lee Billingham agreed to start planning an event (at the Sompting Village Primary School) to engage young families.**

The meeting closed at 7.45pm with the group agreeing to meet again on Thursday 7th March at 6.15 at the Sompting Village Primary School to which the larger group would be invited. Jim Boot agreed to send out an invitation to everyone who had expressed an interest as well as the existing working group.