

Big Local Sompting – notes of meeting held on 7th March 2013

Present: Darren Lewis, Resident/Church youth worker; Sue Holland, Resident/NCRA; Jim Boot, Big Local Rep; Trevor Crowter, Resident; PCSO Millie Crowhurst (Sompting, Peverel and Cokeham); PCSO Stewart Metcalfe(Sompting Manor Ward); Alun Jones, Resident; Chris Servante, Sompting Parish Council; Colin Frampton, Resident/Church Minister/School Governor; Rosemary Hegarty, Resident; Beth Pope, Resident; Jonathan Paine, Resident/Church Member; Lee Billingham, Adur and Worthing Councils Community Worker.

1. Despite inviting everyone who had expressed an interest in Big Local at the event held on 9th February at the Sir Robert Woodard Academy only 12 people attended. It was proposed that a note be sent to everyone who didn't attend stating: Are you happy to be involved with events?

Families event 'Eggs – excellent family play day'

2. Lee Billingham from Adur Council gave an update on the Children and Families event planned for 5th April. He has visited and spoken to mums and dads at both Children's Centres asking: What would you like to do and how would you like to find out more about Big Local?
3. He also met with a local play activity group called Play Mosaic. They are happy to organise the event as long as parents remain responsible for their children/don't leave their children at a cost of £270-280 for a half day including public liability insurance. (They could also produce a flyer for 15p per a flyer or £75.) It is estimated that there would be room for approximately 60 kids and their parents. They would also undertake a full risk assessment. The group felt this was an attractive and value for money price and practical as they weren't yet ready to organise such an event on their own.
4. It was suggested the event should be opened up to grandparents but it was felt important to retain the family emphasis ie not have unaccompanied adults wandering in. The upward age limit would be the end of primary school but with the emphasis on younger children.
5. The group discussed what they wanted to achieve:
 - a. Greater awareness of the Big Local funding and commitment to the cause (Pathway)
 - b. Fun for children/community
 - c. Feedback what we've found out so far
 - d. Show examples from other areas
 - e. Undertake the Good Bad Dream exercise to find out their ideas and issues
6. Before the event
 - a. Handout to pupils in primary schools, family centres, churches and libraries
 - b. (Ask kids for ideas for a name)
 - c. Use Adur Homes and local pubs, press releases and Facebook
 - d. Put flyers through doors in plenty of time
 - e. Consider multi-lingual aspect – check with schools/children's centres on their current numbers of non-native speakers
7. On the day
 - a. Easter egg hunt/activity
 - b. Ask Sainsbury's to donate (after Easter)
 - c. Refreshments including for kids – keep it simple biscuits and fruit

8. After the event
 - a. Press release by Tuesday midday (TC)
 - b. Adur Council release as well
 - c. Publish results in library – start a mobile exhibition
 - d. Follow up meeting for them to come to
 - e. Update the ‘interested in being involved’ leaflet to include time of day
 - f. Update Facebook
 - g. Lead into Sompting Fair in mid July
 - h. (Also consider Big (picnic) Lunch on 2nd June)
 - i. Set a date for the process planning workshop
 - j. Teenage event needs to bounce off this event but go and see the school council or similar to (involve young people) in designing this event.
9. Any other business (from the carrot sack)
 - a. Find out about Vision for Academy
 - b. There would be a follow up meeting again on Tuesday 19th March 6.15 to 7.45 (possibly shorter) in the community room at Village Primary School. Invite Play Mosaic to attend.