

Sustainable Communities Development Programme

1. IDeA/BURA Annual Seaside Housing Lecture

Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th December 2007
Greenwich Yacht Club, Greenwich, London

The focus will be on the key challenges of strategic housing in seaside towns. Delegates will be joined by John Sorrell, Chair of CABE, to inspire regeneration practitioners and raise aspirations of what can be delivered in seaside towns. The following day four seaside towns will run facilitated workshops sharing their good practice and approaches to dealing with housing issues to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and ideas between places and practitioners. From what has worked and what hasn't, we share the good, the bad and the ugly of sustainable housing by the sea.

Richard McMann, Bognor Regis Regeneration Taskforce Co-ordinator will be leading one of the workshops on the importance of getting the right balance of development for Bognor as a Coastal West Sussex town.

2. Building Sustainable Communities – Jennifer Lynn

Tuesday 15th January 2008 8.30 – 5.00pm Dove Lodge, Littlehampton

This module offers an introduction to what makes up a Sustainable Community and how this fits into the challenges we are facing as the Coastal West Sussex strip. It will aim to address the issues surrounding partnership working and developing a culture of partnership looking at the case study of Morecambe and how community engagement and neighbourhood management was used effectively for its successful renewal. The last part of the day will address looking at the visioning of the 5 Towns 2020.

3. Prince 2 Project Management Training

Monday 28th January – Friday 1st February 2008 9.00 – 6.00 pm
Selsey Room, Chichester College of Art, Science and Technology

An intensive and interactive course, that covers all PRINCE2™ components, processes and techniques in detail. The Case Study, which runs throughout the course, enables delegates to produce products specified by the method and sample solutions consolidate understanding. The training results in a Foundation & Practitioner Prince 2 qualification.

4. Sustainability Appraisal Training – Tribal Consulting

Thursday 7th February 2008 8.30 – 5.00pm Chatsworth Hotel, Worthing

The aim of the training session is to give council officers and Councillors the tools to assess the sustainability of policies, plans and projects in order to influence decision making with a specific reference to the sustainable communities agenda. The training should also enable delegates to take the lead on good practice in sustainability within their operational and/or strategic remits, to enable them to understand how to measure the effectiveness of sustainable development policies and the tools that are available to do so and tailor and put into practice for their working purposes.

5. Toward A New Strategic Leadership of Place for the Knowledge-Based Economy – Dr John Gibney, University of Birmingham

Monday 25th February 2008 1.00 – 5.00pm Beechcroft Hotel, Felpham, Bognor Regis

This lecture is being delivered specifically for the 5 Towns Network taken from the 'Strategic Leadership in Economic Development, Planning and Regeneration' course the university runs on an annual basis. The overall aim of this event is to present current thinking around the need for a 'refreshed' approach to the leadership of knowledge-based places; an opportunity for officers and Members to consider and debate the value of this thinking and to discuss the implications of these ideas for the coastal West Sussex strip.

6. Thriving Coastal Town Economies: Towards Asset Based Regeneration – Guy Rubin

Tuesday 26th February 2008 8.30 – 5.00pm Pashley Suite, Shoreham Airport

This module offers an historical overview to the rise, decline and renaissance of Coastal Town economies across the UK. It will aim to look at how effective regeneration has been in delivering sustainable communities in the Coastal Towns and focus extensively on the unique features of labour markets in Coastal Towns. The afternoon session will in particular take an in-depth look at how the Hastings LEGI has focused on the positive and innovative policies that Hastings has introduced to tackle the underlying problems and the last part of the day will address best practice in the revival of Coastal Towns.

7. Effective Democracy for Sustainable Communities – IDEa

**Thursday 13th and Friday 14th March (13th 4.00 – 6.00pm, 14th 9.00 – 5.00pm)
Holiday Inn, Eastleigh**

This 24 hour workshop run and facilitated by IDEa is targeted specifically at Elected Members on 'Effective Democracy for Sustainable Communities' and dealing with the growth agenda. This will be the first workshop IDEa will be facilitating in the South East for the 5 Towns Network.

8. SCDF & 5 Towns Network Evening Lecture

Tuesday 18th March 2008 5.30 – 8.00pm Windmill Entertainment Centre

This evening lecture will provide an opportunity to debate and discuss the profile and potential of the Coastal West Sussex strip looking at the importance of building sustainable communities through good design and how it fits into the bigger idea of the South East as the Creative Coast. The evening will be led by a panel of experts and chaired by Peter Murray, the Chairman of SCDF CWS Branch.

9. Sustainable Communities Event

Tuesday 25th March 2008 8.30 – 1.00pm Chatsworth Hotel, Worthing

This half day event will conclude the Learning Laboratories project for 2007/08, looking at lessons learnt and ways forward and how the Coastal West Sussex strip will continue to embed the capacity building programme for the future. Details of the final programme will be available closer to the date.

10. Study Tour

March 2008 – Further details to be confirmed

The study tour will offer the opportunity for the 5 Towns Network to link up with another Coastal Town or area experiencing similar issues as CWS strip. Contact has been initiated with Dover and Yorkshire who operate a similar model as the 5 Towns Network.

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