

News from the Core Group – October 2008

Newark and Sherwood LSP

Restructuring of the Local Strategic Partnership in Newark and Sherwood is continuing. ODEF has secured a place on the LSP's Economic Development Group and it is important that there is also representation on other committees. There are plans for an annual LSP conference to be held in each of the towns of Newark, Southwell and Ollerton.

St George's Day celebrations

A new funding stream called Grassroots has opened and details of this have been passed to the St George's Day working group.

Futurebuilders England

The funding application to Futurebuilders England is currently being assessed by an investment officer.

Transport Action Team Report

Two new bus services have now replaced the Boughton Boomerang and the Sherwood Sweeper. The fixed routes covered by the buses are now maintained by a standard red Veolia bus numbers 14 and 32 and new timetables are available. The Community Bus is running a service for the local Friendship Club. Parked cars along Petersmith Drive continue to be a problem and there are no bus services currently operating along the road. The police have tried to resolve the problem by urging residents to park more responsibly but nothing seems to have changed. Another possible solution could be to arrange for the new traffic wardens to patrol the area, particularly at weekends when there seems to be more of a problem.

The rail group formed by Don Spencer to reinstate the passenger service through Ollerton have been trying to raise funds for a feasibility study on the line. The group recently had an encouraging meeting with the County Council where there was an agreement reached to work together in order to produce the feasibility study.

Date of the next Forum Meeting

The next ODEF Forum meeting will be held on 24 November 2008 commencing at 6.30 pm. The main speaker will be Danny Smith the Principal at the Dukeries College. The meeting will be held in the new conference centre in the Dukeries Construction Centre.

Eco Shop Action Team Report

An opportunity has arisen to apply for a grant from the SSP's Enterprising Communities Fund. An application is being considered that would focus on local food and would involve joint working with Feel Good Foods and the Dukeries Farm Unit. There was a possibility that some work could commence next week involving local food when the new volunteer worker is in place. A possible source of food supplies could be the home baked cakes and pies from local people and groups such as the Women's Institute and the Friendship Club. These products could be made available and sold in the Eco Shop.

Strawsons have also shown an interest in the Eco Shop and have agreed to provide some sample products and literature.

The Eco Shop blog is being developed which is designed to get people thinking more about what is happening locally that affects the environment.