

HAILSHAM AND POLEGATE COMMUNITY NETWORK

The fourth Hailsham and Polegate Community Network meeting was held on 16th March 2018 at Wannock Village Hall. 21 people attended the meeting. On arrival participants put their contact details on the communication wall and listed outcomes that had been achieved as a result of attending the network meetings. The meeting began with speed networking. Everyone got a chance to make contact with each other and pick up a few Scottish country dancing tips on the way. Many requests were made to repeat this in future but to play the music too! Alison Sorlie (Locality Link Worker) presented a report on the locality priorities. Fiona Morton (3VA) elicited from participants, ideas about future priorities and suggestions for future networks.

Outcomes

Organisation	Outcome
Hailsham Network	Brought ideas back to my group
One You East Sussex	Made connections, friends and spread the word about our organization
Ecohub	Made some great contacts
One You	Organised for One You East Sussex to visit our staff meeting and developed better links for young people, parents and professions into this service. I will be attending their staff meeting soon. Met new contacts who have offered help/services to our clients, eg health checks
Hailsham Foodbank	Picked up ideas through group discussions and met lots of amazing people
Proactive Care	Made connections, learnt about other services that we can work alongside. Enabling more individuals to be helped
Polegate Community Association	Networking. Found a funding source
Craftyannies Home	Met some amazing people who have helped me grown, given me ideas and spurred me on

Identified priorities for Hailsham & Polegate

- Developing the network
- Building on community assets
- Working together with statutory services
- Recruiting and retaining volunteers
- Reaching vulnerable people
- Attracting funding support
- Sharing information and resources
- Coordinating events
- Physical activity and outdoor spaces
- Transport

Future Network Meeting Suggestions

- Eco Hub
- Demonstrating activities
- How to use the media
- Funding
- ESCIS / 1space
- Eastbourne Volunteer Centre experiences
- Venues:
 - new Welbury Centre in north Hailsham
 - Church on South Road, Hailsham

The priorities added at this network meeting were:

Community Hubs in Hailsham and Polegate

- Hailsham needs a place for people to gather

The priorities discussed at previous network meetings were:

- Polegate has a community centre that could become more of a community hub
- These community hubs should be a hive of activity offering affordable accommodation, drop-in sessions, activities and a café.
- They would offer a central point for communication with new residents.

Transport

- Transport for people getting back into work
- Bus stop on west side of A22 near Knockhatch
- Wheelchair accessible transport

Mental health

- Young people
- People with dementia
- Intergenerational activities for young people and older people

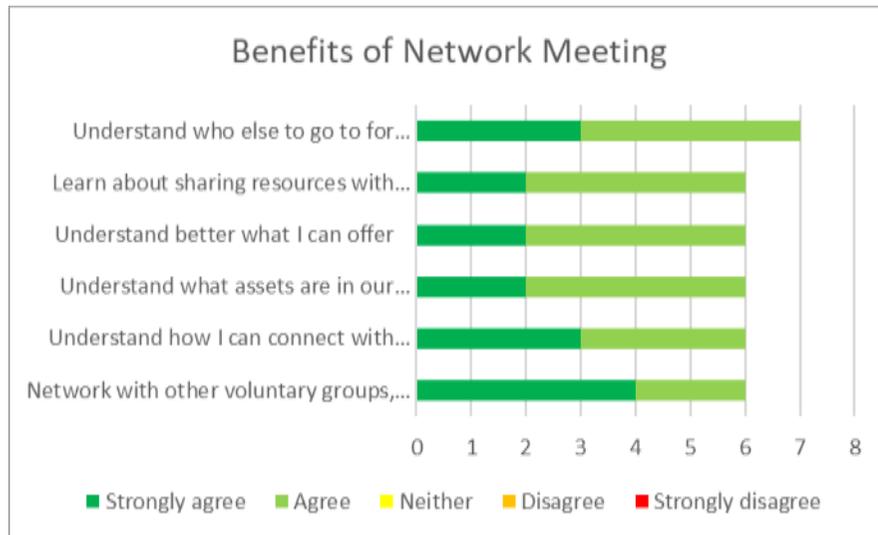
Raising awareness of need and resources

- Communication skills
- Integrating people into community
- Provision for young people

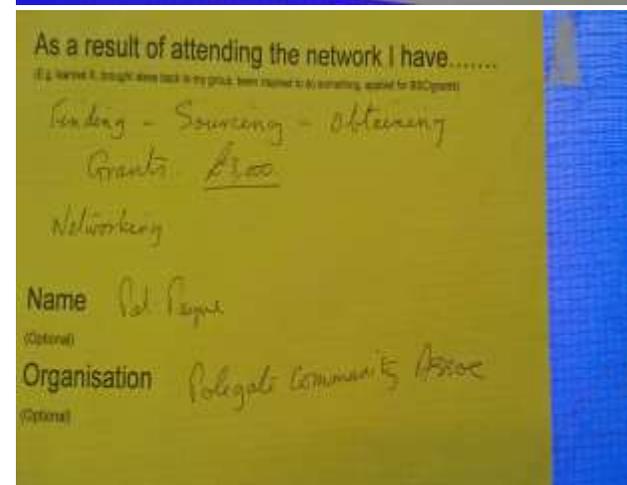
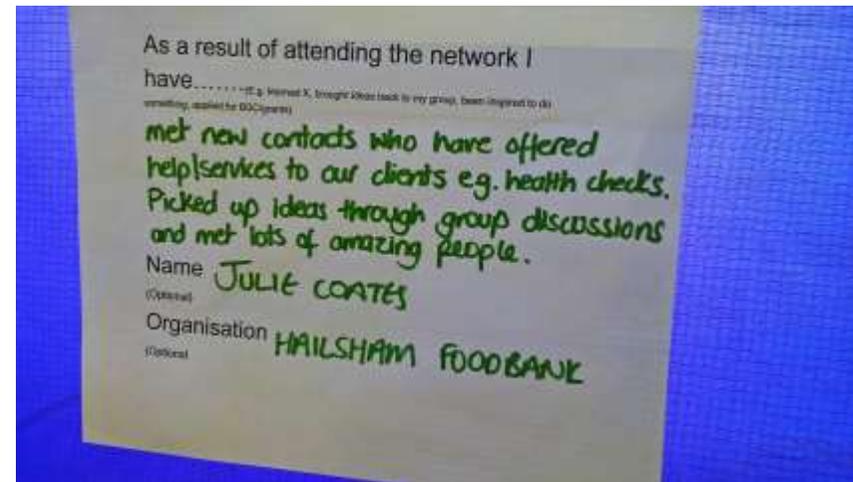
Funding support

- Information about funding sources including trusts
- ESCC funding newsletter: what kind of organisations can apply

Some feedback from the meeting:



“Pity it had to end at 1pm”





As a result of attending the network I have.....
(E.g. learned X, brought ideas back to my group, been inspired to do something, applied for BSC/grants)

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Locality: Hailsham and Polegate	Date: 16 th March 2018	Venue: Wannock Village Hall	Facilitators: Alison Sorlie, Fiona Morton
Themes / Topics from previous meetings- see page 2			
Discussion Theme(s)	Previously Known Priority: (what we are we doing now)	Insight / intelligence/ Discussion highlights (what do we want to do in future)	Next Steps: (where will this go? What do we need to get there?)
Community Hubs in Hailsham and Polegate	<p>Polegate Community Centre well used currently.</p> <p>No central venue in Hailsham.</p>	<p>Need central hubs to bring people and activities together.</p> <p>These community hubs should be a hive of activity offering affordable accommodation, drop-in sessions, activities and a café.</p>	<p>Build on success of ROVTE course in Ecohub. Further course planned in Polegate.</p> <p>Invite more groups to offer services.</p> <p>Clarify what is needed, explore possible venues and potential funding sources.</p> <p>Learn from the experiences of volunteer hubs in other places.</p>
Reaching vulnerable people	<p>Hailsham Foodbank and CAB reach many vulnerable people in the community.</p> <p>Statutory services support people with health and social care needs.</p>	<p>Match needs to available resources.</p> <p>Support people to integrate into the community.</p> <p>Provide support for all age groups, people with mental and physical health challenges and potentially excluded groups.</p>	<p>Continue to share information.</p> <p>Encourage more colleagues from statutory services to come to network meetings.</p> <p>Identify gaps in services and work together to bridge these where possible.</p>

		Work together effectively.	
Funding support	<p>This is a very time consuming task for voluntary and community organisations.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria are not always clear, time and resources can be wasted.</p>	<p>Share information about funding sources, including trusts.</p> <p>Find quick ways to assess your eligibility.</p>	<p>Discuss challenges with East Sussex Funding Team.</p> <p>Focus for a future network meeting.</p> <p>Share success stories.</p>