

Borough, Economy and Infrastructure Executive Advisory Board – 14 November 2016
Activities Report by Chris Stanton – Rural Economy Officer, Guildford Borough Council

I joined GBC on 15 August 2016 and since then have conducted desk research and met with a number of individuals through 1:1 meetings, network events and conferences. Scheduled meetings are shown with dates in brackets:

Meetings:

- Cllrs Paul Spooner and Gordon Jackson re. Natural Capital and Rural Economic Strategy timetable
- Cllr Gordon Jackson and Chris Howard, Chair, Surrey Hills Society
- Keith Robson (University of Surrey 5GIC, Simon Bond (SETsquared) and Celia Gaffney (STC)
- Di Roberts, GBC Marketing and Tourism Development Manager
- Attractions and Tourism Group/Visit Guildford
- Bill Biddell/Hampton Estate
- University Technology College Stakeholder Group/Guildford College
- Jonathan Hodrien, Tech Transfer Manager, University of Surrey
- Paul Stacey and Hendryk Jurk, GBC Parks and Leisure
- Chris Reynolds and Energy and Sustainability Team, GBC
- Simon Whalley, Surrey Hills Enterprises CIC and SCREF Chair
- James Whiteman, Director of Environment
- GBC Legal Services re Rural Mapping Exercise
- Ivan Perkowicz and Warwick Currie, HCC Research & Intelligence re Rural Mapping
- Guildford First/Mental Health and Wellbeing
- 3SC (3 Southern Counties) phone interview re devolved employment and skills proposal
- Rachel Hargreaves, Business Development Manager, Surrey U School of Veterinary Medicine
- Prof. Richard Murphy, University of Surrey Centre for Environment and Sustainability
- Rural Group – Guildford Business Forum
- Cllr David Wright and Cllr Richard Billington re various local rural groups, interests and issues
- John Bannister, Guildford Environmental Forum
- Jude Robinson and Deborah Wyatt (EM3 LEP Rural Action group)
- Iain Lynch (Farnham Town Clerk and former Economic Development Manager, Waverley BC) re various opportunities and contact names for inter-Borough collaboration
- EAB pre-meet with Cllrs Jenny Wicks and Liz Hogger
- Meeting re Project Aspire with Jim Maskrey, Future World of Work CIC/Positivity in Progress (11 Nov) – Rob Fairbanks, Director, Surrey Hills AONB and Simon Matthews (Matthews Associates) re multi-Borough rural economic strategic policy (incl. LEP, EU and other funding)
- (16 Nov) Surrey Hills AONB Partnership Forum

Visits/Events:

- Send Business Park (meeting with owner manager and business tenants)
- Surrey Wildlife Trust (Richard Hunt, Director of Comms, and others)
- West Horsley Parish Council/Horsley Countryside Preservation Society/Neighbourhood Plan
- Surrey Hills Wood Fair – West Surrey Woodlands Project and Forestry Commission contacts
- Mental Health Day event at Farnham Road Hospital (incl. Surrey & Borders MH Trust)
- Talk on West Horsley Place/Grange Park Opera project by Bamber Gascoyne

- (9 Nov) Guest at Association for Consultancy and Engineering Parliamentary Reception
- (10 Nov) Guildford Environmental Forum – Talk by Pooran Desai, co-founder of Bioregional , BedZED and One Planet Living sustainable communities (?potential for Guildford project)

Conferences:

- Roll of Honour Celebration at Guildhall – network opportunity incl. Anne Milton MP, Max Lu, Mike Kearney and Keith Robson, Surrey U; Chris Howard; John Dennis and Julian Lyon (Savills and Chair, Guildford Society)
- Rural Services Network Conference – meetings with Ian Crawley, Community Land Trust; Cllr Mike Goodman, Lisa Creaye-Griffin and David Greenwood, SCC
- Enterprise M3 LEP Infrastructure Conference – network contact with Megan Streb, Sustrans
- Attendance at National Wood Fuel Conference, Sandown Park - presentations on woodland reservoirs/flood prevention; Gov't heat strategy, District Heat Networks and Renewable Heat Incentives; initial contact with Tim Abbott, CLA (Country Land and Business Association) and Ciara Williams, Savills Rural Surveyor and Alison Field, Forestry Commission
- 3SC (Three Southern Counties) Devolution Proposal – Skills Workstream teleconference

Induction Training:

- Health & Safety
- Equality & Diversity
- (4 Nov) Social Enterprise Workshop
- (15 Dec) Corporate Induction

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