



Stamford Vision: Business

Notes from the meeting of 3.03.05

Jeremy Dawson of Strutt and Parker, Grantham, and a local resident, was welcomed to the group. Darren Hughes has now moved away and can no longer attend the group meetings although he has still offered to help in specific ways.

1. Janette Pallas of Four Thinking made a presentation on the Welland Xtra site, currently under construction, which is specifically set up to deliver tailored business advice to the locality. The group should have a look at the working site <http://welland.demo.eibs.co.uk> to see what the site is capable of doing. The site will only be as good as the contribution made by local business advisors. If you think that your organisation could do this then you should contact Janette direct 0116 232 5124 janette@fourthinking.co.uk and she will come and train you as a 'site contributor'.

Janette mentioned a couple of initiatives for small businesses to do with management and IT training, and small amounts for capital equipment which may received further funds in 2005/6. The site will deal with funding but if you know anyone who may be interested they could contact her now.

2. Business Survey: The revised versions of the other sectors have been circulated. A rewritten blurb will be circulated in the next couple of weeks. TH has drafted an accompanying letter, please contact him for it for you to personalise. The next month is a chance to update the database. JD agreed to take over the tourism questionnaire.
3. Football survey: The spring survey will take place on **WEDNESDAY 13TH AND FRIDAY 15TH APRIL.**
4. Business awards: TH will pursue Michael Cooke now that the new editor is at the Mercury.
5. Welland Quarter – consultants have been appointed on this project and many of the group have been contacted. Their study should enable the town to think what types of uses this area can make to the economy as a whole. A workshop will be held in April to discuss preliminary findings.

Date of the next meeting

Thursday 14th April.

Thereafter back to the first Thursday in each month.

To do:

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Football
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