



Selsey Community Forum

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Selsey Community Vision and Action Plan UPDATE October 2015

A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE:

On sea defences extensive work has been done at Bunn Leisure, Medmerry Realignment, Lifeboat Way and a new path opened at Medmerry Cliffs. The Medmerry Scheme has been an outstanding success and MWHG have been awarded a substantial grant to examine drainage across the Peninsula. Selsey Haven is the subject of a feasibility study. A new Lifeboat and boathouse is imminent. Our council continues to set aside annual monies for sea defences. Two new housing developments are taking place with accompanying discussions on possible use of community monies. An examination of the Neighbourhood Plan is taking place. Attempts are being made to attract more visitors here through extended opening times at Bunn Leisure, new signage in the town, better launch and diving facilities at East Beach, a new concrete skate park, improved play facilities at East Beach and Oval Field, a May walking festival, a cinema club, High Street events and joint marketing of Pagham Harbour and Medmerry Realignment. The Selsey Festival, Sir Patrick Moore Exhibition, Selsey Food Festival and Carnival have attracted good numbers with many innovative events including Charlie Chaplin and Screen on the Green.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL:

SACOS and Cloud Nine continue to present regular arts events and Gainsborough Singers, Selsey Community Choir and Singing for Health will give increased opportunity for vocal expressions. Seal Island Artists, Phoenix Artists and Selsey Quilters continue to encourage painting and craft skills. The old cinema has been used for successful productions and developments. Arts Dream is looking carefully at long term provision for improved performance space and archive area. New Jive and Dance events are in operation.

Snak Shak and Youth Dream continue to complement the work of school clubs, uniformed organisations and sports activities in providing our young people with varied opportunities in useful activity. Selsey Youth Workers specialise in work with disengaged young people and those not in education, training or employment, as well as general social education. Partnership work with our local secondary school and Selsey Works has improved services in job searches, mediation, homeless shelter and

sexual health advice. Selsey Information Exchange and Selsey Internet Radio continue to provide local community information alongside Selsey Life and social media. Local schools have markedly improved performance. The many longstanding community organisations provide regular and stimulating activity. Faster broadband, better quality buses and a new emergency road have improved quality of life. Selsey Community Nursery has risen to the challenge of providing new opportunities at Selsey Centre. Auntie Ro's Nursery is raising money for buying her building.

The Bridge Youth Support Centre has opened to provide a full range of low level mental health services as well as clubs, projects and new initiatives.

BETTER HEALTH FOR ALL:

The work of the ambulance service, First Responders, adequate medical provision through a variety of doctors in a single surgery, a new NHS dentist in Chichester and pharmacies are considered adequate to community needs within financial constraints. Selsey Business Partnership, Selsey Works and CDC business development officer continue to assist local businesses. Open spaces, environmental services and allotment provision continue to make our community green. Sports Dream has created 14 new sports activities and 14 school clubs as well as encouraging new facilities for football, cricket, fitness and the use of sports buildings. Cycling, swimming, tennis, bowls, and Pilates continue to grow in popularity and the quest for a new pavilion for cricket and football goes on. Mental stimulation opportunities has improved through the 25 interest groups of Selsey U3A and frequent townwide quizzes. Social interaction has grown through Selsey Community Watch, Good Morning Selsey telephone service, Selsey Timebank and a new film and lunch club. Community partnerships have increased through the five forums and the community diary has prevented unnecessary clashes of community events. Work around making Selsey a dementia friendly town and increasing provision for Carers is ongoing. The Selsey Society is to close.

STAYING AND FEELING SAFE:

Safe Cycling and a practical commuter cycle route are still being sought as are safety improvements on the B2145. A detailed proposal for a direct cycle route west of the main road from Selsey and Chichester has been lodged with local councils.

The town continues to be well served by our retained fire service, neighbourhood police team, community warden, parking enforcement officers and Neighbourhood panel. The work of our local councils in so many facets is appreciated in a town aspiring to identify its own needs and provide its own solutions. A junior council is being set up to aid STC communication. The demography of the town continues to grow more diverse in age profile and ethnic origin and community cohesion continues to challenge our values and aspirations.