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Title of event:	Stonehouse Manufacturers Forum
Organised by:	Gloucestershire 1 st Parklife Business Park Project
Venue:	Parklife Business centre, Stroud
Date and time:	22/05/08, 12.30
Number of participants:	22
Short description (max. 60 words):	Stonehouse Manufacturers Forum is a business led network based on a modern industrial estate , home to a variety of predominantly light industrial units, including a dairy, auto parts manufacturers, and aerospace industry metal fabricators. SWEA has worked successfully with several local companies on similar projects to ENGINE
In cooperation with:	 

Stonehouse Manufacturers Forum

Thursday 22 May, 12:30pm, Parklife Business Centre, Stroud

Notes from meeting

Attendees – Lucy Dowie – Omega, Sabrina Pace-Humphreys – Trailblazer PR, Michael Gardiner – EESI Limited, Jackie Grier – Connexus Networks, Paul Ellis – ReedHycalog, John Pearson – ReedHycalog, Dave Bruce – DJB Ltd, Ronate Bennett – Stroud College, Alan Pascoe – Red Hand, Chris Tanner – Delpi, Tim Brown – Delpi, Rachel Auty – CTL Manufacturing, Carl Stephenson - CTL Manufacturing, Dave Ruther - CTL Manufacturing, David Reed – Amity, Kay Richardson – Pro Optic Ltd, Maurice Mc Cartney – Fresh Management, Jerry Dupree – Gerry Dupree, Jon Bird – SWEA, Graham Adams – Parklife Project, Tina Norman – Parklife Project, Shaz Siddiqui – Parklife Project, Gina Dickenson – Parklife Project

Apologies – Amanda Owen – Envisage, Mark Clarke – Mayrise Limited, Elizabeth Mc Dougall – Cotswold Property Management Services Ltd, Julian Grail – Stroud College, Harry Nash – CLG Engineering

Graham Adams welcomed attendees to the Stonehouse Manufactures Forum and went through the agenda. All introduced themselves and gave a couple of minutes introduction about their business. Graham discussed the other business networks around the county and mentioned a couple of things that they are doing. Graham discussed that the Stonehouse Manufactures Forum will be led by businesses with support from the Parklife Project and a management team, which will be formed by businesses from the area.

Graham talked about benefits from the meeting:

- Business to business, with other businesses in the area
- Collaborative Purchasing, for example reducing costs on energy, insurance
- Forums have their own key objectives
- Individual business support from business advocate
- Link to Stroud District Council, who will be invited to attend the next meeting **Action**

Graham

Graham introduced John Bird from Severn Wye Energy Agency (SWEA), Jon gave a presentation on a programme that is funded by Stroud District Council for businesses in the Stroud District, where a representative from SWEA will go to individual businesses and will undertake an energy survey followed by producing a report. Jon also gave information about a funded project for businesses in the Gloucestershire area, with up to 500 employees, involved in metal fabrication and food processing for an in-depth survey to be undertaken and energy training courses. For more information contact Jon Bird on jon@swea.co.uk or 01594 545360.

Graham introduced Gina Dickenson, Gina gave a presentation on apprenticeships and discussed that apprenticeships can be in almost any skill. Gina continued to update that the National Apprenticeship Service is being launched later in the year and the South West

is one of the pilot areas.

Graham asked attendees to comment on any issues to be included in future forums and on future agendas, comments included:

- Employment issues – not knowing where to go to promote vacancies to get the right person and people do not know where to look for vacancies
- Businesses are hidden in the area – people do not know that there are great businesses in the area
- Issues for contacting the local government and district council.
- Franked mail box on the site to be collected after 5:30pm, Graham to find out if this is in place **Action - Graham**
- Getting involved with schools to promote vacancies – Gina to contact the Education Business Partnership to invite them to the next meeting **Action – Gina**. It was commented that Stroud College can help with this
- Traffic Management for the estate
- Signage for the estate
- The potential for collectively collecting waste – Graham to invite Y-Waste to attend the next meeting **Action – Graham**

Graham asked if there were any volunteers to be on the Management Group, thank you to the below who agreed to this:

Chris Tanner – Dephi
John Pearson – ReedHycalog
Gerry Dupree – Gerry Dupree
Mike Gardiner – EESI Limited

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 02 September 2008, 12:30pm, Parklife Business Centre, located within Renishaw, Stonehouse

Presentations given

Severn Wye Energy Agency



- Independent not for profit charity
- Based in Forest of Dean
- Team of 30 staff
- Turnover >£2M
- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy projects at Local, Regional and European level

Stroud District – Target 2050



- Free service offering:
- Site energy survey and report
 - No Cost, Low Cost, and Capital Cost Recommendations
 - Energy Policy and Action Plan Guidance
 - Staff awareness training



Stroud District
Target 2050
Countdown to a low carbon business

Gloucestershire



- Free energy expert training course open to all organisations in Gloucestershire
- Free energy surveys for companies in Gloucestershire with up to 500 employees involved in metal fabrication and food processing

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Energy Efficiency in SME

Intelligent Energy Europe

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