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Work Package:	WP4
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Partner:	SWEA
Region:	Gloucestershire

Title of event:	Lansdown Industrial Estate Network Meeting
Organised by:	Gloucestershire 1 st Parklife Business Park Project
Venue:	Parklife Business centre, Lansdown Industrial Estate, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Date and time:	08/10/08, 12.30
Number of participants:	19
Short description (max. 60 words):	Lansdown Industrial Estate Network is a business led network based on an industrial estate on an old works site, home to a variety of predominantly light industrial units, including a recycling facility, printer. And metalworking company. The meeting is for information exchange on a variety of local business matters.
In cooperation with:	  

Lansdown Networking Meeting
Wednesday 08 October 2008, Cheltenham Parklife Business Centre

Notes of meeting

1.0

1.1 Attendees

Steve Clark, Niki Waugh, James Manton & Clare Facey – AVM, John Mallows – Re Claim, Oliver Stobo – Form Flo, Steve Toon – Toon Guitars, Peter Minnis – Quorum Print, Mike Fowler – Main Point Fire Protection, Andy Randle – Modern Packaging, Brian Spence – Circuite Technology, Guy Lewis – Lewis Group, Adrian – Urban Movers, Graham Philpot - Cheltenham Borough Council, Jon Bird – SWEA, Morag Gordon – PCSO, Jan Henry – PCSO, Keith Rog – Parklife Project, Shaz Siddiqui – Parklife Project, Tina Norman – Parklife Project

1.2 Apologies

Joanna Baron - Baron Glass, Mike Owens - Chantal Blinds, Jason Morgan - Hi Lo Windows, Liz Acres - Acres of Drapes

Keith opened the meeting, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. All introduced themselves and their businesses.

1.3 Police update

If you have any problems call PCSO Morag Gordon, or a colleague, on 0845 090 1234. Morag reminded that the police are keen for businesses to talk to them – formally and informally. This will help them to gain information, an understanding of issues, and be better able to reduce crime. All were asked to engage – even if only in casual conversation with officers when walking through the site.

1.3.1 ACTION

1.4 Saving money on energy costs

Jon Bird from Severn & Wye Energy Agency gave a presentation about energy efficiency and explained that SWEA provide free energy surveys for businesses - a report is produced and an action plan is drawn up. SWEA can also introduce energy brokers who can very often negotiate reduced tariffs.

If you would like more information, or book an appointment for an energy survey, contact Jon on jon@swea.co.uk or 01594 545360.

1.4.1 ACTION

1.5 Parklife Environment Project

Shaz Siddiqui, Parklife Project gave a presentation about a fully funded project that offers Environmental Training and Consultancy Support - worth over £6000 to a business. For more information or to book, contact Shaz on parklifeshaz@glosfirst.co.uk or 07875 642696.

1.5.1 ACTION

AOB

James Manton said that he attended the Kingsditch Network meeting and suggested that the Kingsditch and Lansdown Networks linked together.

Morag Gordon raised the issue that due to the Credit Crunch to ensure that you are careful, especially with the rising level in fuel theft.

Graham Philpot gave an update on Cheltenham Business Pride - a project specifically designed to support and help fund initiatives with local businesses. Discussion took place about site signage - planning permission is not required for on-site signage, but the agreement from the landlord is required.

Cheltenham Borough Pride will pay 50% towards signage costs, but businesses need to sign up, it is free and easy to do. Go to; www.cheltenham.gov.uk/businesspride.

1.5.2 ACTION

Discussion took place about the bridge - with permission it can be painted and with planning consent signs could be applied. Steve Clark, Graham Philpot and Keith Rog to take this forward.

1.5.3 ACTION

Keith thanked everyone for attending closed the meeting. This was followed by further discussions and networking over buffet lunch.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 16 December, 12:30pm, Parklife Business Centre, Lansdown Industrial Estate

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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

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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