

Corsham Area Board Meeting – 23 January 2014

Partner Update: Sue Stockley, President, Corsham Chamber of Commerce

1. The Chamber had a very enjoyable and well attended Christmas Lunch on 11 December 2013 at Guyers House Hotel, Pickwick. This was followed by its first meeting of the New Year on 8 January 2014 at which we discussed, amongst other things, the Chamber's involvement in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Corsham. It was agreed that the past president, Georgina Fairbrass-Bowman, will lead for the Chamber, initially in setting up a Steering Group and the terms of reference for the Plan.
2. We are continuing to attract new businesses to the Chamber (3 new members since November 2014) and currently have 42 members. Over 100 local business people have now attended local Chamber networking events since May 2013.
3. The next Chamber events are:
 - 12 February 2014 - networking meeting at 12.30hrs, at Unit 1, The Old Brushworks, 56 Pickwick Road, Corsham SN13 9BX
 - 26 March 2014 - Annual General Meeting at 18.00hrs at The Methuen Hotel with Councillor Jane Scott as guest speaker promulgating on the Wiltshire Core Strategy and in particular how it affects Corsham.
4. As reported at the last Area Board, we are now looking at refreshing the other elements of Corsham Chamber's work. I have been successful in securing further contributors to the Chamber's Executive team, in order to spread the workload. This includes volunteers to assist 3iP in running the events and finding venues and speakers, marketing for the Chamber and taking over the Treasurer's role. The roles will be formally approved at the AGM in March 2014.

Sue Stockley
13 January 2014