



Cheshire East Congress Update

Welcome to the first edition of the Cheshire East Congress news

On 16th November 2009 a Cheshire East Congress meeting was held in Congleton, the meeting was attended by more than 70 members of the Cheshire East Voluntary and Community Sector. The meeting gave attendees the chance to hear presentations from a number of presenters including:

- Sue Pattinson – Macclesfield Disability Information Bureau
- Shantele Janes – CHWREC
- Hilary Hamilton – Wishing Well
- Pip Mossdrop – CRE
- Middlewich Clean Team
- Alison Roylance White - Cheshire Community Action
- Zandra Neeld – Cheshire East Council

The meeting provided opportunities for attendees to contribute to the development of the Cheshire East Community Strategy by taking part in a number of workshops. The results of the workshops are attached (but a report is still being finalised which will be submitted to Cheshire East Local Authority and copies will be sent to attendees from the event).

A consultant is presently being engaged to carry out research into Cheshire East Congress and the Voluntary and Community Sector across the district. The consultant will make a series of recommendations which will help to form the future structure and direction of the Cheshire East Congress Network. As soon as the consultant's findings have been made available and have been reported to the Steering Committee, we will inform all members of the wider Cheshire East Voluntary & Community Sector of the results and how this has been used to develop the future strategy of the group.

**Your representatives on the
Cheshire East Congress Steering Committee**

The Steering Committee is at present made up of the following representatives:

The Acting Chair of Cheshire East Congress is Jacquie Grinham.

Congress Steering Group			
	Name	Organisation	Seat
1	Sue Pattinson	Macclesfield Dib	Chair of local network - Macclesfield
2	Wendy Gjerstad	CVSCE	CVS
3	John Taylor	Cheshire Neighbours	Chair of C&N Forum
4	Helen Aspden	NSPCC	Children and Young People
5	Jane Whetnall	Cheshire Academy	Elected – C&N Network
6	Liz Hudson	CVSCE	CVS
7	Dominic Anderson	Age Concern	Elected – Macclesfield
8	Jacqui Grinham	CAB	Elected – Macclesfield
9	Jeannie Gardiner	CVSCE	CVS
10	Dot Flint	CD Network	Elected – Congleton
11	Denis Murphy	CD Network	Elected – Congleton
12	Seat vacant - to be advised	CD Network	Chair of Congleton network
13	Alison Roylance-White	Cheshire Community Action	Rural
14	Chris Baker	Learning Together	Learning
15	Clare Robinson	Home Start	Elected – C&N Network
16	Helen Martin	CHAWREC	BME
17	T.J Aljorani	Faith Network	Faith
18	Anne Davies	Social Enterprise Network	Enterprise
19	Ken Clemens	Age Concern Cheshire	Older People

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