

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the **Annual General Meeting of the Chester, Ellesmere Port & Neston Business Forum** will be held at the County Sports Club, Plas Newton Lane, Chester on **Thursday 12 April 2007**, as the second part of the Members' Meeting to be held on that date.

**Agenda**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Minutes of the AGM held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2006**
- 3. Chairperson's Report**
- 4. Secretary's Report**
- 5. Treasurer's Report and presentation of accounts**
- 6. Membership Secretary's Report**
- 7. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2007-8**
- 8. Appointment of Scrutineers for the year 2007-8**
- 9. Any Other relevant Business**

**Nominations are invited for officer roles and committee membership:**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	
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**Position sought** (please tick):

Chair	
Vice Chair	
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Membership Secretary	
General committee member	

	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>
Proposed by:		
Seconded by:		

<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Candidate's Signature</b>	

Please post this form to: John Trimble, Secretary CEPN Business Forum, 2 Glebe Meadows, Mickle Trafford, Chester CH2 4QX to arrive no later than the morning of Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

## NEWSLETTER – March 2007

Welcome to the Business Forum's regular Newsletter, covering our successful March 2007 meeting, and including all usual areas of interest to members.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at the County Offices Sports Club, Plas Newton Lane, Upton, Chester, starting 6.30pm for 7.00pm, with usual bar & buffet.

**This evening will conclude with the Forum's 2007 Annual General Meeting, to which all members are encouraged to contribute.**

**"Making your work and life experiences count – for both you and your company."**

**(Get qualified whilst running your business.....)**

**Presented by Liz Sweet, of University of Chester.**

**To be followed by the Forum's Annual General Meeting.**

**Nominations** for Committee positions are requested as soon as possible, and a Nomination Form is attached to the front of this Newsletter. New 'blood' is always welcome on our Committee, so if you want to make a contribution, please contact any current committee member. Details below, or from our website; [www.cepnforum.co.uk](http://www.cepnforum.co.uk)

### **Members Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

The theme of this meeting was **"The Chester, Ellesmere Port & Neston Business Forum – meets – The Chester, Ellesmere Port & North Wales Chamber of Commerce."**

This was a brilliant networking Opportunity for members of both groups, and will be introduced by Lesley George (Forum Chair) and Stephen Welch (Chamber Chief Executive), and was attended by 56 members of both groups

A **speed-networking** opportunity was run for the members of both groups, giving the members the chance to meet specific targeted individuals after initial "15 seconds of fame" introductions. The session were overseen by Colin Brown, and his trusty ACME Thunderer! It was noted that all participants entered into the spirit of the evening, with enjoyment and energy.

We also conducted our usual raffle, with deserving winners!! Another excellent reason to be a Forum member.

As you can see there is always a full programme for our meeting. If you would like to feature in any meeting, you can always agree to speak at one of our Members' Showcase slots. Alternatively, if there is a topic you would like to have covered at a meeting, please let us know. Contact Les George at [chair@cepnforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@cepnforum.org.uk)

### **Strategic Partnership Update**

A meeting of the Partnership took place recently. Look out for a report in our next Newsletter.

### **Website News**

Did you know that the Forum operates a website where your membership and business will be advertised? We can also set up a link to your own website.

Read this Newsletter on the Forum's website, where we had 1338 visits in the month of March. You've got to be in it to win anything from it!!

Why not log on, visit the site and find details of our strong membership by reading about your fellow members? Is your entry up to date? Do we need to change any member details?

**NOTE: We need to update mobile phone details. Please check yours as listed on the site, and advise Mark of the numbers, or of any changes to the numbers listed since you joined the Forum. Thank you.**

Let us know by emailing Mark Ireland-Jones at [mark@wirralphoto.com](mailto:mark@wirralphoto.com)

## Members

With new members joining us on a regular basis, and with old friends deciding to move on to new opportunities, our member numbers are at a healthy 66 this month.

The Committee is actively promoting the Forum on behalf of the membership, but if you know of any Start-up Businesses or existing SMEs you think will benefit from membership, please don't hesitate to tell them about us, or bring them along to our next meeting!

## Member News

### \*\*\*CALLING ALL FORUM MEMBERS\*\*\*

Would you like the chance to join our Members Showcase for 2007? We need presentations of between 5 -10 minutes. You can let all members know all about you and your business, including interesting facts or offers for other members.

Please contact Les George on 01244 512117, or at [lesley.george@chester.ac.uk](mailto:lesley.george@chester.ac.uk) or at [chair@cepnforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@cepnforum.org.uk)

In addition, you can also have 200 words about your business published here on our Newsletter. If you have any special offers or events you are planning in the near future, you could publicise them here too.

Please send your 200 words to [keith@ehrservices.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:keith@ehrservices.fsnet.co.uk)

## Attendance at our monthly meetings

All members receive a copy of this Newsletter, as we continue to post out hard copies to all members each month. Members are also now sent a reminder about the meetings approximately one week beforehand. If possible, we would like members to confirm their attendance, or to indicate that they are unable to attend, so that we can cater for correct numbers.

You can help us by emailing the Forum Chair, **Lesley George**, at [chair@cepnforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@cepnforum.org.uk). Thank you.

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don't forget our next meeting on **12<sup>th</sup> April**. All current members and guests welcome – come and meet the Committee and fellow members, and take part in important forum business at our AGM.