

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009, 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 10<sup>th</sup> April 2008
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 2009-10
8. Appointment of Scrutineers for the year 2009-10
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>
<b>Proposed by:</b>		
<b>Seconded by:</b>		

<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 5pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009.

## NEWSLETTER – February 2009

Welcome to the Business Forum's regular Newsletter, covering our February 2009 meeting, and including all usual areas of interest to members.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the Evans Easyspace, Minerva Avenue, Sealand, Chester, CH1 4QL, starting 6.30pm for 7.00pm, with usual refreshments provided.

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

This will be a brilliant networking Opportunity for members of both groups, and will be introduced by Lesley George (Forum Chair) and Dave Roberts (Chamber Membership Manager.)

**Please note** that a £5 levy will be made at this meeting, to cover cost of buffet and raffle entry.

A **speed-networking** opportunity will be run for the members of both groups, giving the members the chance to meet specific targeted individuals after initial "15 seconds of fame" introductions.

We are always on the lookout for speakers at our meetings, and you can always agree to speak. Contact Les George at [chair@cepnforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@cepnforum.org.uk)

### **Members Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

The meeting was a 'MEMBERS ONLY EVENING' which included 5-Minute Presentations from a number of our Members: the theme being 'Who are Our Members & What do they do?'

Our February meeting saw **Amanda Daniels of Koogar** present a useful session on Branding where she used Ida Moos' business as an example of a 'before' and 'after' branding exercise. Check the Forum's website for photos and more information.

Other members gave talks on Childcare training, the initiatives being taken to reduce crime, web site optimisation and creative thinking.

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

## **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 an incredible 1765 visits in the last four weeks.

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

## **Members**

Our member numbers have grown to 64 following on from last month's meetings.

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**

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 now by email. Members are also now sent a reminder email 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.

**AS YOU CAN SEE ABOVE, WE WILL SOON BE HOLDING OUR AGM, AND ANY INTERESTED MEMBER IS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN OUR HARD-WORKING COMMITTEE, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE ON-GOING SUCCESS OF THE FORUM.**

..... and finally,

don't forget our next meeting on **12<sup>th</sup> March**. Come and **NETWORK....!!**