

# **The Bestwood Partnership**

## **Bestwood Directions**



### **Summary Report 2011.**

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# A brief history:



- ⌘ Bestwood Partnership Forum 1995
- ⌘ The Bestwood Partnership as Company limited by guarantee 2003
- ⌘ Registered as a Charity 2009
- ⌘ Created to base local regeneration in a community-run voluntary organisation
- ⌘ Annual Bestwood Partnership Conference

# History: project areas:



- ⌘ Bestwood Youth Project
- ⌘ Community Development
- ⌘ Local community grants fund
- ⌘ Adult training project
- ⌘ Employment advice
- ⌘ Health promotion and Elderly support

# **Key current project areas:**



**⌘ City North Locality Hub**

**⌘ Employment and Education**

# City North Locality Hub:



- ⌘ Consortium of The Bestwood Partnership, One Vision Partnership (Bulwell), Broxtowe Partnership Trust, BEST, Aspley and Bells Lane Partnership
- ⌘ The Bestwood Partnership is the accountable body for the project

# City North Locality Hub:



- ⌘ Community consultations / events
- ⌘ Voluntary sector networking events
- ⌘ Support and preparation for City new commissioning process
- ⌘ Community group development
- ⌘ Creation of volunteering opportunities
- ⌘ Social enterprise and entrepreneurs

# Employment and education:



- ⌘ Flexible Routeways (ESF) now ended
- ⌘ Work Programme involvement through ENABLE (A4E) unsuccessful owing to unresolved TUPE issues
- ⌘ Partner in Working Links ESF Workless Families project: preparation underway
- ⌘ Adult education programme active
- ⌘ Delivery in Bestwood and Bulwell

# Employment and education:



## ⌘ *Recent courses:*

Computing for beginners/Microsoft units

Work Clubs      Retail      Deaf Awareness

Working in Care      Basic English and Maths

First Aid / Paediatric First Aid

Food Hygiene      Health and Safety

Relaxation (Yoga-based)      Stain glass

Holistic therapies and Tai Chi



# Sustainability:



## ⌘ *The positive:*

Community building at Bestwood  
Directions with room hire opportunities.  
Income from Glade Business Units.  
Stated commitment of Nottingham City  
Council to Local Area Partnerships.  
Established credibility of The Bestwood  
Partnership as cost-effective delivery  
agency in community & employability

# Sustainability:



## ⌘ *The negative:*

Current uncertainties re City commissioning process and funding levels after March 2012.

Necessity for some redundancies in current year despite investment of reserves into sustainability.

# **Bestwood Partnership Forum: Directors/Trustees**



⌘ ***Sharon Bowen***

⌘ ***Dawn Britt***

⌘ ***Brian Grocock***

⌘ ***Jeane Bellamy-  
Harris***

⌘ ***Chris Hooper***  
- **Chair**

⌘ ***Marjorie Leech***

⌘ ***Dennis Lovett***  
- **Treasurer**

⌘ ***Howard Penry***

⌘ ***Gary Poyser***

⌘ ***Kim Preston***

⌘ ***Gill Robinson***

⌘ ***Roy Smith***

⌘ ***Kate Taylor***  
- **Company Secretary**

⌘ ***Maria Wright***

# The current staff team:



- ⌘ *Jean Britt,* Office Cleaner (NCC)
- ⌘ *Gary Cawthorne,* Development Manager
- ⌘ *Michelle Cooke,* One Vision Partnership
- ⌘ *Donna Denning,* Learning Co-ordinator
- ⌘ *Sue Fletcher,* One Vision Partnership
- ⌘ *Kellie Mills,* Outreach & Personal Advisor
- ⌘ *Trevor Outhwaite,* Sustainability Worker