



EECS NEWSLETTER

East of England Civic Societies

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Message From The Chairman

EECS will be holding its **Annual General Meeting** on **Saturday 6th November 2010** at **The Cathedral Centre, Ely**, opposite the magnificent edifice of Ely Cathedral. This will be a short meeting and will be followed by a seminar on the subject of the night-time economy, full details are given below. Ely is very well-served with train connections from around the region and we hope people, where they can, will consider using rail to attend this meeting.

[Civic Voice](#), the successor to the Civic Trust, was launched in April 2010. 250 civic societies are now members, 18 of them in the Eastern region.

Saturday June 25th 2011 has been identified as Civic Day - marking the centre-piece of a new initiative for civic societies to celebrate their area and promote their role.

Civic Voice's first AGM will be held in [Peterborough on 8 & 9 October](#). Civic Voice has dismantled the regional civic societies' structure that the Civic Trust used to promote and fund. The Coalition government too is dismantling the political regional structure, in favour of "localism". I wrote recently to Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, giving the views of our local civic society [Cambridge Past, Present & Future](#).

Among the points I made were that

- We broadly welcome the devolution of responsibility for planning and development back to local authorities, but would expect the third sector and the wider community to have a meaningful input.
- Nevertheless, structures across local authorities must be retained to share expertise and promote common policies on the provision of infrastructure – water, energy, waste disposal, transport, medical services.
- We welcome simplification of the planning process, so as to reduce costs and increase speed, but care must be taken to preserve rights of appeal on the one hand, by both developers and householders, and protect against nimbyism on the other.
- We attach high importance to adequate green-space provision within new and existing developments, and welcome the commitment to retain green belts.

In a [letter](#) dated 29 June, Eric Pickles and Business Secretary Vince Cable, wrote to local authorities inviting their comments on the creation of **Local Enterprise Partnerships** to replace the Regional Development Agencies such as our own EEDA. The letter, which is interesting if only for Vince Cable's remarkable signature, says "We anticipate that local enterprise partnerships will wish to provide the strategic leadership in their areas to set out local economic priorities." and "To be effective partnerships, it is vital that business and civic leaders work together." Local Authorities and others in our region have now submitted their LEP bids, which were required by 6 September, and we now await the outcome of the government's deliberations on these.

Please feel free to email me about issues that concern you.

Peter Landshoff: pvl@damtp.cam.ac.uk

Chairman, East of England Civic Societies



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The Night-time Economy : Accentuating the Positive

Saturday 6th November 2010 from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm

(Registration/Coffee from 9.30am)

A seminar to discuss how Civic Societies, Councils and others can help to enhance the night-time economy in our towns and cities whilst minimising the attendant problems it often brings. Speakers include Chris White the Chairman of the Culture, Tourism & Sport Board of the Local Government Association. The meeting also includes a brief EECS Annual General Meeting (full details below).

How important is the night-time economy to our towns and cities? - How has it changed? - Has the night-time economy become too dominated by large corporations? - How can the problems caused by the night-time economy be minimised? - Are sections of society excluded by the current night-time economy in our town and city centres? - Can we prevent the decline in community public houses? - How can changes to licensing and planning law help improve the current situation and what changes are the coalition government proposing? - What can local authorities, civic societies and others do to improve the current situation?

The cost per person is £15 (pre-booking essential by end of October) and includes a sandwich lunch. The seminar will be held in:

The Etheldreda Room, The Cathedral Centre, Palace Green, Ely, Cambs CB7 4EW

[Located opposite the main entrance to Ely Cathedral – please note that Ely has excellent train links.]

Travel information: <http://www.elycathedral.org/visitors/travelling.html>

Parking information: <http://www.elycathedral.org/pdf/carparkingposter.pdf>

If you wish to attend this event, please email gladys.jones@virgin.net with your name, organisation, email and postal address, phone number, and any special requirements. If no email, contact CambridgePPF on 01223 243830 (Nigel Bell or Carolin Göhler).

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Formerly Cambridge Preservation Society

EECS AGM

EECS Annual General Meeting on 6th November 2010 at 10.00am in Ely.

To be followed by the seminar “The Night-time Economy: Accentuating the Positive” for full details please see above.

If you wish to attend the AGM only (i.e. not the seminar), or to add anything to the agenda, please contact Nigel Bell - planning@cambridgeppf.org

Agenda

1. Welcome by Chairman
2. Apologies
3. Approval of the Minutes of October 2009. (Please note that the draft minutes were published in the December 2009 Newsletter and can be viewed on-line [here.](#))
4. Chairman’s Report
5. Treasurer’s Report
6. Committee member’s reports
 - East of England Environmental Forum (EEEF)
 - East of England Historic Environment forum (HEF)
7. Election of Officers and Committee Members (see note below)
8. Any other AGM business

Election of County Representatives

Each County has a representative on the EECS committee and all positions will be subject to election at the AGM. Currently the positions are:

Cambridgeshire: Peter Landshoff (Chair) P.V.Landshoff@damtp.cam.ac.uk

Essex: Jo Edwards iosiemedwards@hotmail.com

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Norfolk: Alec Hartley c.hartley23@keme.co.uk

Suffolk: Susan Sollohub suesollo@yahoo.co.uk

Bedfordshire: *Position Vacant*

Other Members: Terry Betts (Hon.Treasurer) & Carolin Göhler (Hon.Secretary).

If anyone has an interest in any of these posts please contact the current Chair Peter Landshoff: pvl@damtp.cam.ac.uk

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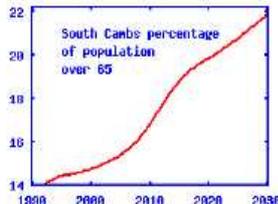
We’d love to hear from you and your local group. Please e-mail or call us with updates from your area as well as other news from the Region.

Preparing for our futures: what do YOU think?

An evening debate and workshop
for local people

21 September 2010 at 6.30 for 7pm

Venue: Centre for Mathematical Sciences, Wilberforce Road, Cambridge CB3 0WA



It is predicted that in 15 years time
1 person in 5 will be over 65.

How should new dwellings and
communities be designed to
prepare for that?

How will they be paid for?

Free event, but please book in advance – see below

PROGRAMME Chair: Morcom Lunt (Chair, Federation of Cambridge RAs)

18.30 Soft drinks and registration
19.00 Trevor Baker (Cambridgeshire County Council): Demographics
Joe Oldman (AgeUK): Lifetime Homes
Professor Carol Brayne (Institute of Public Health): Current and future profiles
20.00 Breakout groups
21.00 Report back: Breakout Group Reporters
21.25 Summary: Peter Landshoff (CambridgePPF)
21.30 Ends

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Preparing Cambridge for the future

Cambridge could be confronted with a major crisis if the accommodation needs of its ageing population are not addressed over the next few years – that's the topic of a debate to be held in the city later this month.

On Tuesday 21 September, Cambridge Past Present & Future (CambridgePPF) will host a free seminar called 'Preparing for our Futures'. The event, which is open to everyone, will assess the city's current demographics and the challenges that will be faced as the local population ages. By 2025 it is predicted that one in five people in South Cambridgeshire will be over the age of 65.

Attendees will discuss how population change can be tackled by constructing thoughtfully designed communities and homes that are designed to last a lifetime and are suitable for occupancy by people of all ages from families with small children to elderly people and individuals with mobility issues.

'Preparing for our Futures' will be held at the Centre of Mathematical Sciences on Wilberforce Road. It has been organised by CambridgePPF in conjunction with Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire Horizons, the Federation of Cambridge Resident Associations and the Royal Society for the Encouragement of the Arts, Manufactures and Commerce.

Speakers will include Trevor Baker, Housing Research Manager at Cambridgeshire County Council; Professor Carol Brayne from the Institute of Public Health; and Joe Oldman, Housing Policy Advisor at Age UK. The meeting will be chaired by Morcom Lunt from the Federation of Cambridge Resident Associations.

Commenting Peter Landshoff from CambridgePPF said: "With people living longer and the population of Cambridge growing rapidly, it is imperative that we create new communities that contain a mix of properties that are accessible and attractive to elderly members of our society as well as younger first-time buyers. With multiple building schemes proposed across the county, now is the time to ensure that we build sustainable communities and homes that can be occupied by everyone in our society and that can cope with their changing needs. This event will help kick start a productive debate about what is required long term to prepare for our futures."

Venue: Centre for Mathematical Sciences, Wilberforce Road, Cambridge, CB3 0WA.

Start time: 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start.

Price: Places are free but pre-booking is essential.

Contact: Gladys.jones@virgin.net or Nigel Bell at CambridgePPF on 01223 243830.