

Notes from Boosting the Local Economy Meeting
25th November 2013 held at Black Sluice Lock Cottages

Present:

Ivan Annibal: Big Local Rep

Mick Taylor: TaylorITEX CIC

Gordon Hunter: Lincolnshire Community Foundation

Rachel Lauberts: Boston Big Local Facilitator

Rob Lauberts: Resident

Pam Hardisty: UnLtd

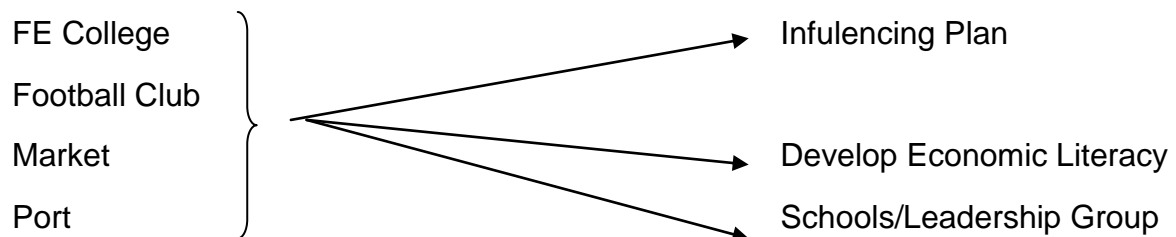
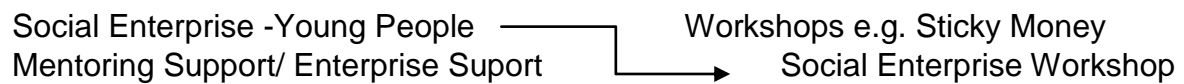
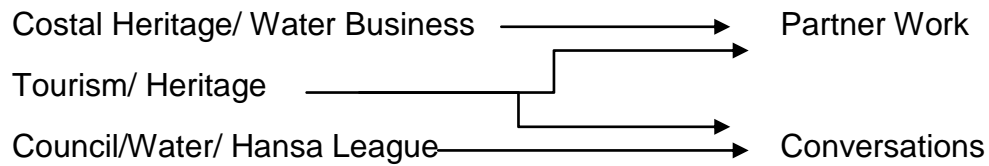
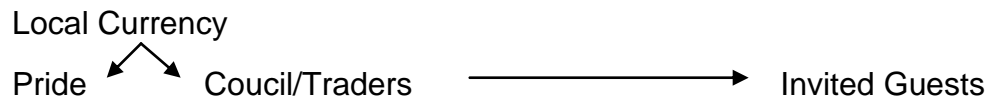
Sue Foster: UnLtd

Paul Squires: UnLtd

Boston Big Local has been chosen as one of five Big Local areas in the Boosting the Local Economy pilot scheme. The other areas include: Dover Town, Welsh House Farm Birmingham, Clubmoor BLT Liverpool and South Bermondsey. UnLtd have a budget of £8,000 for each of the 5 areas to develop the scheme.

Boston Big Local area is quite different to other areas in that it is a town centre including the retail core, outdoor markets, port, FE Collage, Football grounds and many historic buildings. Boston also has one of the highest proportions of migrant workers in the country who have a long entrepreneurial tradition. The total population of Boston is believed to be at about 73,000, although in one town ward over 55% of the population are EU migrants. Boston has the 2nd lowest unemployment rate in the UK, but also one of the lowest averages wages and 2nd highest rents in the Country.

Boston Big Local is at stage 3 of the Getting started pathway, pulling together the Boston Profile and plan. We have received over 150 ideas from residents along with various members of the residents group applying for Star People awards. Ideas include a local currency, development of our Coastal Heritage, fully utilising 116 High Street and the possible purchase of the Boston Belle.



Visits in and out, success stories/ inspriation.