

## **Community Action Plan**

There was an impressive turnout for the Rustington Community Action Plan Meeting in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre on 21 October 2006. Those present were given a Presentation by Les Ampstead and Rowena Tyler, from Action in Rural Sussex, on the process for the Community Action Plan.

The audience were guided through the process from start to finish, and were advised of what the community could possibly expect to receive from the production of the Plan. Examples of what other towns and villages in West Sussex had achieved were presented, and it was emphasised on more than one occasion during the Presentation that this process could only be driven by the local community for the local community, with no groups or individuals excluded.

The Presentation was followed by a lively question and answer session, and at the end of the Meeting, some 30 groups and individuals signed up to be a part of the process.

At the Inaugural Meeting, which was held on 4 November 2006, the real work began. The Steering Group was formed, and a Chairman and Vice Chairman elected. The four Focus Groups were also formed, with responsibility for collecting information about matters relating to Economy, Environment, Social & Community and Transport & Accessibility in Rustington. Each group will have to collect statistical and factual data, as well as establishing the views of as many members of the local community as possible.

So, if you are approached in this regard, we would urge you to use the opportunity to express your views about any issues of concern or interest to you. Public Consultation events will be taking place during the coming months, and details of these will appear in the local press, on the Parish Council's Notice Boards throughout the Village, on the Parish Council's Website, and in future issues of this Newsletter.

If you would like to play a more active part in the Community Action Plan process, by joining one of the Focus Groups, please contact the Council Offices where a member of personnel will be able to register your interest with the Chairman of the appropriate Focus Group.

The process is being co-ordinated with the help of Action In Rural Sussex, and the Co-ordinator appointed for Rustington is Rowena Tyler, who can be contacted on 01798 344612