

Community Interest Company - CEPL12

The CIC - Community Enterprises PL12 (CEPL12) - continues to thrive, with several projects on the go, centred on the Hub at No4 at the bottom of Fore Street.

Anyone who reads Peter Thistlethwaite's comprehensive monthly reports as Chairman will know in detail what goes on, and below is a brief summary:

The Hub is home to a community market fresh fruit and veg stall from Thursday to Saturday, as well as a Local Food Market on the first Friday and third Saturday each month, and stalls can be hired at low rates by retail entrepreneurs looking for a low-cost public presence. It also hosts a Dementia Cafe, open on Tuesdays from 10am – 1pm, and there is a Saturday afternoon Veterans Dementia Group (alternative Saturdays. 4.30pm – 6.30pm at the SHADO centre).

Offices at Belle Vue Rd are long-term home to CAB and the Saltash Foodbank, along with commercial tenants. The aim is to secure this building as a long-term asset, although it will require significant funding.

The Hopper buses provide affordable community transport, and anyone living in the PL12 area who is a member of the CIC can use the service either for scheduled trips or private group charters. The Derriford Service unfortunately proved unviable, although a new service on Wednesdays aims to provide a circular service to and from various centres, particularly for areas not served by commercial services. Additional Volunteer drivers are always welcome to enquire, and relevant training is provided.

Several new directors were elected at this year's AGM, and that along with requirements such as GDPR is bringing in several initiatives, including a membership verification. The SaltashCard entitling local discounts and offers is FREE to members for CEPL12, as is membership itself. The scheme is being revamped and relaunched shortly. Backroom activities are also being updated, which will lead to more streamlined processes for customer-facing activities.

Premises were found in the main street to accommodate Scrapstore, which is proving very popular. Several classes have started up, although volunteers to allow longer opening time are still welcome.

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