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### **Go Emsworth!**

**Give your views on some possible future projects from Emsworth Community Land Trust :  
their first public meeting Friday March 15 at 3.30 OR 7.30 at the Community Centre**

The local Community Land Trust committee in Emsworth has gathered together displays and information about possible future projects in the town. The meeting (a choice of two sessions) will share ideas on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 3.30 OR 7.30. The venue is the Assembly room of Emsworth Community Centre PO10 7DD (behind the fire station and Addison Laws). There will be a general presentation first for about 10 minutes then everyone can move round to different displays and explore some of the possible projects with the help of committee members. All visitors will be encouraged to discuss the proposals and give feedback before they leave.

Dwynwen Stepien, chair of Emsworth Community Land Trust explained: "We aim to create affordable homes and community spaces but we also want to help take any steps that will help boost Emsworth as a vibrant place to live and visit. We have a range of possible projects such as small developments, boosting the town centre and looking at improved community spaces plus youth facilities. We are a democratic and caring group and want feedback on these possible schemes and which of them to prioritise."

Vice-Chair Dr Theo Schofield added: "This group works closely with all the other interested organisations in Emsworth. The committee of Emsworth Community Land Trust includes members of some of the other local groups like the residents' association, the churches, the forum, the businesses, friends of community health, the sailing clubs and others. By pulling together we can do all we can to keep Emsworth moving ahead in the future. We may have lost the banks but we believe the surgery will stay, albeit involving a move to the revamped hospital building, and various new projects could help Emsworth thrive into the future."

The Emsworth Community Land Trust, which started life only a year ago, already has 350 members signed up and has been successful in gaining start up grants. As Treasurer Harry Thuillier concluded: 'The issue now is what to do next. As part of Emsworth United we fought to keep the Cottage Hospital building for the community: now we need a steer on what our next priorities should be. We hope plenty of people will come along on Friday March 15th.'

So the gauntlet is down. Will Emsworth residents rise to the challenge and feedback their views on what next for Emsworth? There will be an update on what's happening with the hospital building too. The opportunity is there on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Emsworth Community Centre at either 3.30 or 7.30. Dropping in at 4 onwards or 8 onwards is encouraged too. There will be free tea and coffee if that is an incentive.....

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