

## Minutes of meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013

- 1) Apologies from Diane Dean, Jenny Umpleby and Sandra Bloe
- 2) Present Lisa Chave, Sharon Minter, Paula Chapman, Catherine Hesmer and Helen Dickenson
- 3) Spectrum have agreed to offer free training to hairdressers. Ideally hairdressers would open say once a month, offering “autism friendly” hair appointments. Sharon to put it on Facebook to ask for suggestions of hairdressers who may be willing to accept the training and offer the service. Sharon will also approach Sarah at NAS to see if they would also like to participate. Catherine suggested Michael Jayne in western road, as they are family run and very understanding.
- 4) Drayton Manor

Lisa still awaiting a final figure to be confirmed. All deposits received now; there will be one coach now with a small waiting list. Cadbury world waiting for next year's prices to be announced.

- 5) 16+ Lots of food issues so bowling and ice skating were suggested.

Ice skating: 2 sessions, one for the more experienced (bigger), one for the less experienced (smaller) children. Max 50 people on the ice at a time. Sharon will book a

week day after school time session. Another Facebook expression of interest will be posted to see if we need one session or two

6) Another bingo night to be arranged. Bag packing is a good fundraiser but weekends are hard to get volunteers. We decided that collection buckets standing outside the shop would possibly raise more money, so Sharon will look into booking a supermarket for a school day so parents and volunteers while kids are at school.

7) Parent meal

We decided that, although people asked for Hastings venue, none of the Hastings people attended, so in future we would stick to Bexhill venues mainly with the occasional venture into neighbouring towns.

8) Hailsham bowling – Sharon to look into booking this. Laser quest (David Lloyd) was suggested. The jackets are heavy, but adults are able to wear them while children hold or use the gun. Sharon to investigate prices etc. Lisa noted that the electric palace cinema was always very quiet and now there are more autism friendly cinema screenings available it may be worth stopping electric palace cinema screenings. Sharon will swap it for laser quest and see how popular it will prove to be. Tenterden pool would be ideal in the summer, due to travelling time. Hailsham would not be practical due to

its shape (deep in the middle) Eastbourne has benefits but also disadvantages so would be more suitable for families to access rather than part of the group. Lisa to look into coach to Tenterden.

Diggerland was suggested as it has been mentioned several times. It would not be suitable for a coach trip (at least this year)

9) Zoo trips: varying the zoo we visit is a good idea.

Marwell this year around Easter, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April

10) Herstmonceaux science centre. Lisa trying to organise an evening exclusive hire including the telescope talk

11) See Lisa's expenditure sheet

12) AGM April 2014 date TBA at Lisa's house