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# YOUR CAST NEWSLETTER!

Keeping you up to date with our work, what we're planning and how you can get involved, direct to your inbox!

Now is the time for *community-driven, people-powered change* in South Tyneside.

## Online public consultation update!

**Next online public consultation: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10:45-12:15**

**Issue: Democracy and accountability – we can do better!**

Are you satisfied with how local public bodies account for their actions? Our consultation wants to find out what you think about these issues. Come and tell us how we can make public life on South Tyneside more democratic and give you a real say in how decisions are made.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register for your free ticket.

The second in our series of three online public consultations generated some fantastic ideas for us to take forward. From 'job-linkage' schemes, using vacant retail units for social enterprises or pop-up shops, 'employment hubs' and the development of a volunteer bureau to build skills.

Following a discussion of the 365 scheme in South Shields, it was agreed that the CAST website would host a vote to gauge public opinion of the development.

Want to know more? Why not [join](#) CAST?



**Can't make the online consultation?**

**No problem, you can still make your voice heard – complete the survey [HERE!](#)**

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## Launch of new Cast group: **Sustainable Communities**

CAST is taking a 'macro and micro' approach to our local environment. The focus of our new group, '**Sustainable Communities**' (SC) is to drill-down on the issues which affect us all but not necessarily to the same extent.

Whilst the Environment Group will continue to focus on the 'macro' - the Local Plan and IAMP and the immense impact they will have on the borough - the plan for the SC group is to turn issues into 'micro' projects with achievable, tangible results.

Topics we'll be looking into include litter, transport, leisure, shopping and so on and their wide-ranging consequences for our environment.

The aim of CAST has always been to facilitate members of our community to become involved. By keeping issues in a simpler, more accessible format we hope to attract members looking to improve their immediate environment and those individuals/groups who often find themselves excluded - younger/older residents, SEN groups, disabled residents, members of our community with language barriers and everyone in between! South Tyneside needs you - we all have ideas, why not share yours?

Got a local issue or campaign you'd like to highlight?

Why not send us a blog/short article?

Just **email** us for more info!

### Upcoming meetings

To attend CAST meetings, you must be a member. Join [here](#)!

#### Health:

Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm

#### Education:

Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm

#### Environment:

Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm

#### Sustainable Communities:

Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

CAST are proud to support SSTHC - please don't forget their weekly **meetings**!

## IN THE CAST PIPELINE...

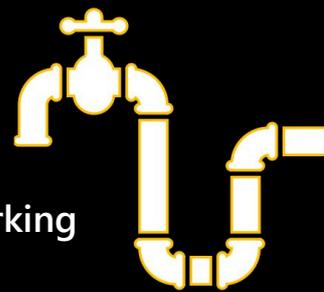
Here's what our groups are working on at the minute.

**Health:** A series of interviews to highlight the issues faced by local health-care services.

**Education:** Develop a South Tyneside branch of 'Action Tutoring' to mentor local pupils with their school-work.

**Environment:** 'Bite-sized, reader-friendly' guides to the Local Plan and IAMP.

**Sustainable Communities:** Encourage local food outlets to use environmentally-friendly packaging and work with litter pick groups to spread awareness.



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