

## **New Cross Assembly Meeting**

Deptford Lounge  
Deptford High Street  
28 February 2013  
7 -9pm

### **Meeting notes**

#### **1. Welcome and introductions**

The Local Assembly Manager Andy Thomas opened the assembly meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting and explained that he would be chairing the meeting.

#### **2. Outer London Fund on Deptford High Street**

Renewal Manager Claire Pritchard provided an overview of the activity that would be taking place on Deptford High Street up to April 2014 that is funded by the OLF as well as a report on the activity that has taken place to date. Much of this activity focuses on the market and developing this including opportunities for new market traders to test their business ideas. There are also food and cookery demonstrations.

Over £2 million is being invested into the High Street. This presentation concentrated on the work with businesses and local communities that is taking place. A Community Engagement Forum is being set up and if people want to get involved they should go to [www.deptfordhighstreet.co.uk](http://www.deptfordhighstreet.co.uk)

Lewisham are currently seeking to arrange storage of the Anchor at the Convoy's site while they sort out the long term future for The Anchor.

For more information go to the Council website and the Markets section that will provide an overview of events.

#### **3. Safer Neighbourhood Team Update**

The Safer Neighbourhood Team attended the meeting to talk about the outcomes of their work and the restructuring of the ways in which they will work in the future. This team is focused on working with the local community based in Deptford Police Station. They offer street briefings and open door surgeries. The crime rate overall in New Cross is average compared to the rest of London and the crime rate in the ward is dropping. The key areas of concern are street drinking, anti social behaviour and street robbery. The presentation outlined the steps being taken to reduce these.

For more information go to the SNT website:  
<http://content.met.police.uk/Borough/Lewisham>

#### **4. Update on Lewisham Hospital**

The update was provided by campaigner James Holland who highlighted the legal appeal led by Lewisham Council. James outlined the basis for this appeal. The process has already secured a delay to any proposed changes.

#### **5. Update on Local Action Plan**

An updated Plan was presented that will also be available on the Council's website that presents the progress made against the 5 priority areas: Reducing Crime, Improving community facilities and shops, Increasing youth provision, Traffic and road safety and the Environment.

A new Local Action Plan will be developed during 2013 with the support of the assembly. This will highlight actions that are achievable by the forum. The 5 priority areas will be discussed in the future.

#### **6. Time Credits, Skillswap and Volunteering**

Lewisham Council presented three opportunities for people to get involved in a range of projects. Time Credits is a new scheme where people can receive time credit notes for each hour they provide to a community organisation in the borough. These notes can be used to purchase a range of activities (for example, swimming sessions). Skillswap is a new scheme where people can offer skills in exchange for other skills locally. For example, users could swap gardening skills for carpentry skills, with no financial payment. Finally, there is a range of volunteering opportunities available from the Volunteer Centre Lewisham if people want to develop their cv's or meet new people and share their skills.

Information is available from:

<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/getinvolved/time-credits/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.localskillswap.com>

<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/getinvolved/volunteering/Pages/default.aspx>

#### **7. Community updates**

This section included an outline by Deptford Reach of their work and how it supports local people rebuild their lives.

#### **8. Close**

Andy Thomas closed the assembly meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

**No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.**