



**LEE GREEN LOCAL ASSEMBLY  
MEETING**

**Tuesday 15 October 2013 7.30pm – 9.30pm**  
**Trinity Church of England Secondary School**  
**Taunton Road, London SE12**

**Record of Meeting**

|          | Item  | Actions |
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| <b>1</b> | <b>Welcome, Introduction &amp; Format of meeting</b>  |         |
|          | <p>Cllr Jim Mallory welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the format of the meeting.</p>  |         |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Lee Green Safer Neighbourhood Update on Policing and Community Safety</b>  |         |
|          | <p>PC Ben Smith provided this update. Some police station now operate a reduced opening hours following the introduction of a new policing model. Catford and Deptford police station have reduced their opening times from 24 hours to daytime only. Lewisham Police station retains its 24 hours seven days a week opening times.</p> <p>The met has introduced contact points to replace the loss of opening hours at some stations. The local contact point to Lee Green is located at Blackheath Railway Station and Toridson Road Post Office. On Wednesdays and Thursdays evening there would be a police officer available at these location and also on Saturday afternoon between 2-3pm. Police officers will visit residents to take further details of non emergency matters reported either by email or telephone.</p> <p>In terms of local specific Lee Green issues, there is still a high level of reported cases of burglary and this crime remains a priority for the police. In August seven cases of burglary was recorded in the area and nine for September 2013. This figures shows an increase in comparison to the same period last year. Various measures has been put in place to reduce crime in the area including paying visits to known previous offender in the area, Using data collected from the police database to map areas where crime has taken place or are likely to take place again. The would be concentrated patrols in those areas and regular door knock exercise conducted to provide</p> |         |

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|          | <p>crime prevention advice to residents and businesses. The SNT holds regular panel meeting every quarter, to discuss and decide the priority for the area. Information were received on how residents can join the SNT panel.</p>   |  |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Recruiting Volunteers to the Assembly Coordinating Group</b>  |  |
|          | <p>One of the volunteer currently serving on the Assembly Coordinating group provided an overview of the role that volunteers play in the delivery of Assembly meeting. The group meets two weeks before an Assembly meeting to plan and agree the agenda for the meeting. Volunteers on the group also provide advice and suggestions on how to further improve the meeting and move forward the priorities adopted by the Assembly. Anyone interested in becoming a member is asked to speak with the Assembly coordinator at the end of the meeting.</p>  |  |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Update on Assembly Priorities</b>   |  |
| <b>1</b> | <p><b>Leegate Centre</b><br/> Cllr Jim Mallory provided the update for this priority. Very little progress has been made to progress this action. One of the main factor being that the centre is privately owned. However, every effort is being made by the Assembly to ensure that residents have a say in any future redevelopment. Part of the improvement carried out by the Assembly to increase footfall to the centre was the development of the community centre in one of the empty units. St Modwen's has since developed a draft proposal in the last two years of plans for the improvements to the centre, largely focused on a magnet to draw people to the centre with is a new ASDA store.</p> <p>To ensure the views of local residents were focused, the Assembly set up a working group around 18 months ago. This group has been looking at Council policies on redevelopment on Town Hubs and came up with a number of various ways the Council policies counters some of the plans proposed by St Modwen's. This includes the size of the ASDA store, and the amount of public spaces proposed.</p> <p>A meeting with senior management at St Modwen's has taken place to share those issues raised by residents. It then became obvious at the meeting that although St Modwen's are prepared to consider the size of the store, it is unlikely that they will apply a reduction. It was also established that the company is looking at their initial proposal to refurbish existing Leegate House and adjoining building north of the precinct. The working group objected this proposal as it was generally felt that the proposal was unimaginative, and would not attract shoppers to the smaller shops on Eltham Road.</p> <p>The group also felt that the lack of affordable housing made the site less attractive and would not give the scheme a greater sense of community. On the whole, the Assembly collective thoughts were</p> |  |

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| 2)       | <p>that the scheme proposed does not meet the needs of the area.</p> <p><b>Youth Provision</b><br/> The Lee Green Youth Club was one of the casualty of a recent cuts to youth provision across the borough. To support those facilities affected by the cuts and to ensure that services were not disrupted, the Council set up an alternative fund through which community and voluntary organisation could bid for money to sustain existing provision or set up new ones. An interim period was created from September 2013 to beginning of April 2014 at the end of which the Council will check performances against delivery and where appropriate offer additional funding to continue worthwhile projects.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Lee Green lives did not have the necessary expertise or time to support the youth club and every efforts was made to seek an alternative arrangements for the take over process. Key to the process was the support from the Youth Services who offered their expertise, advice and part funding to ensure continue of service at the club. A voluntary organisation has since taken over the running of the facility from the beginning of October, offering a range of activities of great value to young people.</p> |  |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Assembly fund bids presentation</b>  |  |
| a)       | <p><b>Lee Green Youth Club</b><br/> Lee Green Youth Club offers a range of activities to young people two evenings a week during term time and 5 days a week during holidays. The Youth Service has withdrawing direct support and a process of commissioning has begun to find suitable voluntary organisations or group to deliver youth provision from April 2014. This project is seeking £5,200 from the Assembly funding to enable the delivery of a more focused youth work that goes beyond generic activities offering young people developmental opportunities in line with Lewisham Children’s Plan. The project seeks to expand current catchment group of young people using the facility to encourage a wider cohort. A number of young people from the youth club spoke about their experience and how the activities and support offered at the project has improved their development.</p>   |  |
| b)       | <p><b>Friends of Staplehurst Road Shops (FUSS)</b><br/> The chair of the group presented this bid. FUSS Christmas Fair has become a popular and well attended local event with a steady increase in participation from local traders, businesses, and residents of all ages. The group is seeking £1615 from the Assembly to deliver a Christmas fair and to purchase a Christmas Tree, which will be positioned outside the Staplehurst Road entrance to Hither Green Station. It is hoped that the tree will provide not just a focal point for the Christmas Fair, but also provides a welcoming and festive touch to the area in the weeks leading up to Christmas.</p>   |  |
| c)       | <p><b>Lee Green Lives</b><br/> To promote the revival of Leegate, a community group “Lee Green Lives” now runs a community centre, based in Unit 3, with an expanding range of activities including a knitting group to computer</p>  |  |

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| <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>f)</p> | <p>classes, exercises for seniors to youth clubs. The centre also host residents and other interest groups' meetings. The group is requesting £5902.29 to sustain the centre's running costs and charges associated with maintaining it.</p> <p><b>Sew What Sewing Group</b><br/>Sew What is a sewing and crafts group operating from the Lee Green Community Centre. The project caters for all members of the community of all abilities and capability. All the equipment currently used are donated by members of the community. The group is requesting £1434.71 to purchase sewing machine and pay for sewing workshop tutor over a period of 45 weeks. The group will be working with Family Health Isis, a community organization which provides a range of community Health Services to black African and African Caribbean people and Lee Green youth group to create a fashion show and hold an exhibition to show case local talent of all ages and abilities.</p> <p><b>Lee Senior Citizen Social Club</b><br/>This project is seeking a contribution of £648 from the Assembly to enable them to deliver a range of activities aimed at improving the health and well-being of elderly people in the borough. The project, will focus on increasing physical activity and maintaining emotional well-being, providing weekly exercise classes and massage session twice a month. Part of the fund will also be used to purchase sewing machines to allow members to use their fine motor skills. The items which are produced will be sold to raise fund for the Club.</p> <p><b>Lee Fair Share</b><br/>For a number of years Lee Fair Share has facilitated a monthly art workshop for all levels and abilities. Drawing and painting is explored using a range of mediums – pencils, pastels, and acrylic and water colours. The group is seeking £200 from the Assembly to purchase additional resources for the art project.</p> |  |
| <p><b>6)</b></p>              | <p><b>Assembly fund bids – Voting &amp; Result</b></p>   |  |
|                               | <p>The processes for voting was explained by the chair. Participants are asked to vote for their preferred project by show of hands. The result of the vote taken shows that all the projects proposed were approved by the Assembly. There were no objections registered.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>7)</b></p>              | <p><b>Report back on Parking &amp; traffic on Manor Lane</b></p>   |  |
|                               | <p><b>Traffic on Manor Lane</b><br/>A local resident spoke about the level of traffic on Manor Lane citing a recent road traffic accident on the corner of Effingham Road with Manor Lane where a parent collecting her child from school was hit by a speeding car. This particular incident prompted the community to take action, gathering momentum for a petition which will later be presented to the Mayor of Lewisham. The three main issues raised in the petition were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lack of safe crossing on Manor Lane</li> </ul>  |  |

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|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed and congestion on Manor Lane caused vehicle using this route to avoid traffic on the South Circular</li> <li>• Congestion caused by parent dropping off children at school</li> </ul> <p>Proposing a short and medium term solution, the community is asking the Council to provide two pedestrian crossing on Manor Lane. The first to be located on the junction of Manor Park, Handen Road and Manor Lane. The second to be installed by the entrance to Taunton Road from Manor Lane. Further proposal was to look at providing additional school crossing patrol personnel closer to St Winifred Infant School located by the junction of Effingham Road and to extend the double yellow lines at junction in order to improve pedestrian visibility when crossing Manor Lane. A more longer term solution will ideally be the provision of up to five pedestrian crossing on Manor Lane.</p> <p>It was also noted that there are no speed restriction notices on Manor Lane. The road has become a popular route for vehicle of all sizes using this road as a short cut to avoid traffic on the South Circular Road. Resident would like to see some traffic measure and speed limit enforcement in the area. The Assembly is asked to ratify the petition collected before it is presented to Mayor of Lewisham. Anyone with further suggestion is asked to send them to Cllr Mallory who will forward all comments to the resident coordinating the petition.</p> <p><b>Parking</b></p> <p>A report on parking outlining action plan on what will be done is to go before Mayor and Cabinet. This will include a review of a number of existing parking zones across the borough with consideration for new zones where possible. Every existing CPZ in Lee Green will be reviewed. This could lead to a consultation which will include the choice of a two hours option. The zones that have not been considered in the past will be consulted to find out if they want a CPZ in their area.</p> <p>A comment was made about the recent closure of parking shops in the borough. It was felt that the whole arrangement in terms of preparing resident for the change was not done properly. The new change requires people using Council owned car park to purchase tickets on line or by phoning in. The same arrangement also applies to the purchase of visitors parking tickets.</p> |  |
| <b>9)</b> | <b>Declaration of interest</b>  |  |
|           | There were no interest declared at this meeting.  |  |