



**LESHAM CENTRAL LOCAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING**
Saturday 8 February 2014 12.00pm – 2.00pm
Lewisham Methodist Church
Albion Way, Lewisham, London SE13

Record of Meeting

	Item	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	Cllr Stella Jeffrey welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the format of the meeting.	
2	Section 106 Funding discussion	
	<p>Councillor Stella Jeffrey provided an explanation of how Section 106 funding works and how they can be spent. S106 fund is capital fund acquired from local developments in Lewisham and can be used for physical improvements. For example it can fund the redecoration of a community hall, but it cannot be spent on youth activities in that hall. The funding is time limited and if it is not spent would be returned to the developer. Councillor Jeffrey asked for ideas which could be fed back later in the meeting. A number of questions were raised, including any restrictions on what the money could be spent on and where.</p> <p>The following ideas for spending S106 fund were generated from the group discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building more play area for young people • Resurface foot path in Lewisham Park • Refurbish Youth Centres • Create drop-in centre for the elderly • Re-open café in the library for coffee morning • Create more breakfast and after-school club • Crossing improvement near train station & create more exits • Cycle route improvements • Car free development (to reduce traffic congestion) • Market is great, could it be bigger featuring spruced up • Greening centre 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railway bridge – cleaning / graffiti removal • Cinema (Use fund to build out own) – Can be developed as a social enterprise • Night time economy / activities (more restaurants / public place in the evening. • Improve pedestrian crossing around Courthill Road junction with Lewisham High Street • Public realm improvement • Educating youth about issues that affect them • Support for ex-offenders –n encouraging them to use skills they have learnt from prison and opportunity to gain new skills • Road resurfacing across ward • Public toilet in Town Centre • Art & music Therapy for vulnerable people • General advisory sessions e.g. housing, career, counselling e.t.c raising awareness and promoting services • Intergenerational project – residential to bring young and elderly together • Improve CCTV on public transport <p>The meeting was informed that all ideas collected will be passed to the Council section 106 officer for consideration.</p>	
3	Public Art	
	<p>Detailed planning permission has been granted for a six storey hotel in the heart of Lewisham Town Centre. The sculpture will be situated on the brick wall under Plough Bridge. As part of S106 agreement, the developer proposes to construct a large light box sculpture in Lewisham Central reading Lewisham backward “Mahsiwel”. The lightbox will be made from energy efficient LED components set inside two colours (yellow and blue). The work will be delivered by local artists. The sculpture will be designed to withstand all weather conditions with minimal maintenance required. A number of questions and answers followed this presentation.</p>	
4	Road Safety Issues	
	<p>Martha informed the meeting of a campaign group set up to address local traffic and road layout concerns around Hither Green Station in particular Ennersdale Road. The group would like to gather local views about what action should be taken. An online survey has been set up where people can leave their views. Alternatively, comments may also be emailed to ennersdaleroad@gmail.com</p>	
5	Health Commissioning in Lewisham	

	<p>Lorna Hughes from Lewisham Clinical Commissioning presented the following information to the meeting. NHS Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) was set up in April 2013 as part of changes to the NHS which put GPs in charge of making decisions about what health services need to be available for their patients. The CCG is led by Lewisham GPs and every GP practice in Lewisham is a member and they have a say on the decisions that are made. The CCG is in charge of planning, monitoring and buying of the health services needed in Lewisham. Around £365m pounds is spent yearly on health to benefit the people in Lewisham.</p> <p>What the group focus on</p> <p>Over the next two years the CCG plan to focus on the following eight areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health promotion – helping people to improve their health. 2. Maternity services and children’s care 3. Adult integrated services. Frail older people (including care for those nearing the end of their life) 4. Supporting people with long term conditions 5. Mental health 6. Primary care and planned care – GP services 7. Urgent care – A & E services 8. Improving care for adults that need both health and social care <p>The team is currently working on a draft brief summary of each of these areas describing what each means, the issues in Lewisham, what they intend to do about it and the benefits their work will bring to patients and residents.</p> <p>Lorna informed the meeting about proposed changes to medical records held by GPs. All GP practice across England will soon be required to supply patient’s personal and confidential medical information on a regular basis to the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC). The scheme will commence in March 2014. All household would have received a leaflet through their letter box titled (Better Information Means Better Health) about this in January. The uploaded information can be made available to organisations outside the NHS. People can opt out of this scheme by completing the form on the leaflet received and post or drop it to their GP practice.</p>	
6)	Tabernacle Church	
	<p>Pastor Michael White from the Tabernacle Church talked about the proposal for the refurbishment of the old snooker hall on Lewisham High Street. The building will be developed for use as a church, community and conferencing centre. The church membership and community initiatives are now greatly constrained and have outgrown its current premises. Pastor White listed some of the initiatives the church delivers in the community including, foodbank, youth mentoring, partnership with Refuge in offering support to victims of domestic violence, supporting the elderly, project</p>	

	<p>Jeremiah – speaking at schools assembly and distribution of vouchers to schools.</p> <p>The design proposal will require an extensive renovation of the exterior and interior of the building. The design will include the provision of high quality conferencing facilities for small businesses and local groups to hire as part of the buildings service to the community. The original building housed a cafe situated in the front of the building on the corner of the Courthill Road. The proposal will include the use of this space as a cafe along with a crèche, both of which is envisage will serve both the church and community needs.</p>	
7)	Community update	
a	<p>Update - Lewisham Central Community First Fund Cllr Jeffrey provided the update on the above funding. Bidding for the funding round for 2014-15 have closed. The grant sub group will convene a meeting to consider and make recommendations on bids submitted.</p>	
b	<p>St Swithun's Service of Thanksgiving St Swithun's Church are holding an open thanksgiving event on Sunday 23 February, from 10am followed by a service at 11.30am to celebrate the repairs carried out on the historic west window.</p>	
9)	Declaration of interest	
	There were no interest declared at this meeting.	