



## Perry Vale Assembly

Tuesday 17 September 2013 7pm – 9pm

St George's Church  
Vancouver Road,  
SE23 2AG

### Summary of meeting

#### **Welcome and introductions**

Councillor John Paschoud Chair of the Perry Vale Assembly welcomed everyone to the assembly meeting and introduced Cllr Alan Till and gave apologies for Cllr Susan Wise.

#### **Safer Neighbourhood Team update – PC Richard Bailey**

PC Bailey told the assembly that Lewisham borough has just gone live with the Local Policing Module (LPM), this divides Lewisham into 3 clusters and Perry Vale falls within the South cluster, PC Bailey is the designated police officer for Perry Vale ward.

Sydenham Police Station is now closed and officers are working out of Catford Hill. You can meet your local police at Catford Hill Police Station and the Sava Centre, Bell Green at the following times:

- Wednesdays between 7pm and 8pm
- Thursdays between 7pm and 8pm
- Saturdays between 2pm and 3pm

At the Contact Point you can:

Report a crime.

Obtain crime prevention advice or advice on other police related matters.

Discuss community concerns.

Make an appointment to speak to a local officer.

Make an appointment to give a statement if you would prefer for the police not to visit you at home or your place of work.

Hand in self-reporting forms for road traffic collisions.

Report lost property or hand in found property.

Collect your found items by appointment.

You can report crime online at [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)

If you need to speak to the police call 101

Always call 999 in an emergency.

Q How many posts have been lost across the borough as a result of the changes?  
A None, it was purely a reshuffle with officers moved from the response side to cover other areas.

Q How come we never see you?

A We are about, we also drive in an unmarked police car as we have no need for a response car. The PCSO's are about too.

Q Is it worth us reporting people riding bikes on the pavement and cases begging?  
Y This is anti-social behaviour and we do tell people off for cycling on the pavement, obviously we have to be careful with young people though

Q How are you publicising all this information?

A We have twitter and facebook and the Met Police website

Cllr Paschoud – We can also put the information into the next door to door letter

### **The Local Air Quality Management Area (AQM)**

Dave Trew a Senior Air Quality Officer with Lewisham Council gave the assembly a presentation relating to the AQM which touches upon Perry Vale Ward, for a copy of the presentation contact [paul.gale@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:paul.gale@lewisham.gov.uk)

To summarise the idea is to come up with an action plan to tackle dependency on the car and over the next 12 – 18 months they will be gathering ideas and opinions

Q What can we do?

A It is about alternatives such as cycling, walking and public transport. Although public transport is TfL, we can encourage cycling and healthy walking schemes.

Q Are you carrying out enforcement?

A We inspect and check the transport industry vehicles, but with cars it is the MOT test on exhaust omissions, we also carry out voluntary testing.

Q Why is there no cycling provision in Sydenham after the changes to the roads and paths?

A I will liaise with Highways and get back to you, essentially we need to work with Highways from the outset and their design team. In Sydenham it was more pedestrian focussed.

### **The Perry Vale Assembly Fund and table work**

Cllr Paschoud told the assembly that there is £12,500 available, out of this the assembly will allocate £1,500 towards small projects. Funding for main projects will centre around 3 themes, young people, activities for the whole community and the environment. Attendees were asked to sit on a table which was designated to cover one of the above areas and come have a group discussion / brainstorming session and then complete the proposal form.

These completed forms will form the brief for a project that can go to the November assembly.

### **Summary of feedback from the table work**

## **Young people**

- Age 8 – 12 Drama and community theatre sessions
- 13 – 17 Music Sessions
- 15 – 19 Voluntary work (Duke of Edinburgh), life skills, entrepreneur skills ie creative and business, youth led social enterprise courses and workshops
- Drama session relating to street safety with a performance to the assembly.
- Art and media workshop, creating a song linked to the above
- Creating a film with someone walking through the ward linked to the survey
- Must involve young people in the process

## **Activities for the whole community**

- Intergenerational sports day / mini Olympics, young and old to help organise
- Street party, along lines of the Big Lunch and Jubilee
- Big screen film sharing event
- Provide activities that encourage certain groups to attend, these will be young people that do not normally get involved

## **The environment**

- Tackle overhanging trees
- Damages pavements and dog mess
- Dog event in Mayow Park
- Community garden in north of Perry Vale
- Plant more trees
- Adopt a tree, plant a tree near to Stanstead Road so as to reduce pollution
- Recycling service in the ward
- Provide gum and cigarette butt boxes

## **The Rockbourne Youth Club**

Stuart Devine from the Rockbourne Youth Club thanked the assembly for the money that they received from the local assembly. This was spent on largely on a Xbox computer system which included a motion sensor feature called Kinect.

Previously, the young people with special educational needs (SEN) found it challenging to use the traditional control pad style games, however the Kinect reads the body's movements and translates this to the game making it easier for our young people to interact with it and others. Before the Kinect arrived only a small number of the SEN were able to access it, now everyone can play, creating a far more inclusive environment. This has is now one of the most popular activities currently on offer to the young people and the youth club has seen its numbers of visitors increase as a result of it.

## **Community updates**

Transport - Cllr Paschoud told the assembly that Ian Ransom from Highways has responded to some of the issues raised at the last meeting, below are the updates along with initial question from the July assembly.

Q The new street lights in Colfe Road are making it darker and there are more shadows?

A These are the BS standard white light, so it should not be darker, I will look into this .

**Update** - Skanska will be carrying out photometric testing to ensure lighting is at the correct level

Q Some parts of Inglemere Road have deep shadows and the trees are obscuring the lights

A There have been some issues with the proximity to trees, I will be doing some site visits and making some changes, this road could be one of them.

**Update** - Skanska need to move some columns, this work will be taking place over the next eight weeks we will review once these works have been carried out.

Q We have a petition with over 20 signatures concerning speeding traffic on Woolstone Road. There is traffic calming, but only on part of the road with the Council saying that they cannot extend it. There are lots of young people and families in this area and something needs to be done to slow traffic down.

**Update** - Speed activated warning signs will go up. The first site is on the approaches to Vancouver Road junction for Six months and then it will move to the straight section near Broxted Road junction. The first site should be live towards the end of September

Q At Sydenham Road junction with Venner Road the new pedestrian lights reacted very quickly to pedestrians, but now this has gone the other way, can you change this balance?

A The balance was initially wrong with them favouring the pedestrian too much, the scheme is progressing and being looked at, it will change in September .

**Update** - These works were substantially completed a few weeks ago the signals will be reviewed to give the optimum balance overall.

Q Why is there no pedestrian crossing on the south side of Forest Hill Station, there is a dangerous blind bend with hundreds of commuters trying to cross the road. This is very dangerous?

A There is a line of sight issue here, vehicles have to be able to see the crossing from a certain distance.

Cllr Paschoud – The feeling amongst Councillors is that it may be time to have another look at this.

**Update** - This has been investigated in the past and due to the alignment of the road a crossing is not considered suitable, to improve the location we have narrowed the carriageway and provided SID signing (speed activated warning signs), and there is an island at Church Rise which is a better location for pedestrians to cross

- Sasha Leacock told the assembly that on Saturday 26 October from 10am – 4pm there will be an Intergenerational Family Learning Festival at Forest Hill School. For more details contact [cpa@foresthillschool.co.uk](mailto:cpa@foresthillschool.co.uk) or call 8613 8423

- Tim Lund told the meeting that there is a Grow Mayow open day on 28 September and a 'bring and take day' at Dacres Wood nature Reserve from 12.30 – 4pm on 28 September
- Melissa Knight told the meeting that on the 29<sup>th</sup> September the youth business workshops will start the TNG Youth Centre in Sydenham

### **Open questions**

Q Would it be possible to have the planning department along to the next meeting as I am concerned about the 'Croydonisation' of the area

A Yes I met with the Chief Planning Officer last week, we can do this at an assembly meeting, however the November meeting will be a funding meeting so it will have to be the assembly after this

Q Can we do something about cars going through the bollards at Blythe Vale?

A I will speak to Highways about this

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9pm. The next Perry Vale Assembly will be on Saturday 30 November from 11am – 1pm, the venue is yet to be decided, but we are hoping to hold it at the Rockbourne Youth Club.

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.