

MINUTES OF THE GROVE PARK ASSEMBLY

Saturday, 29 November 2014 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: Councillors Suzannah Clarke, Colin Elliott and Hilary Moore

1. Welcome from the Chair

The start of the assembly consisted of a marketplace event to decide the £12,500 2014/15 Grove Park Assembly Fund. Applicants were provided with a proposal number and a stall and there were 13 applications in total. Attendees were then asked to visit each stall and talk to each of the applicants before marking each project individually out of 10. Officers would then total the votes with the projects that receive the most votes up to the £12,500 available being funded. For details of the proposals contact paul.gale@lewisham.gov.uk

Cllr Colin Elliott Chair of the Grove Park Assembly welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the other Grove Park Councillors, Cllr Hilary Moore and Cllr Suzannah Clarke.

2. Introduction to Streetlife

Claire Elsden from Streetlife gave the assembly a presentation relating to Streetlife. She told the assembly that Streetlife the local social network, has a simple aim: to help people make the most of where they live by connecting with their neighbours. The website provides a free and easy place to share local news, views, recommendations and resources, enabling people with busy routines or reduced mobility to keep in touch with their community.

Conversations started on Streetlife have helped unite lost pets with owners, expose doorstep scammers, save threatened public services and recall local history. The site is also encouraging real-world friendships, with neighbours sharing gardening equipment, IT advice and dentist recommendations, organising craft groups, street parties and book clubs.

Everyone – residents, groups, local government representatives and businesses – is invited to share their knowledge, discuss the local issues they care about, and help build a stronger, better connected community.

All that you have to do is:

- Sign up at www.streetlife.com with your postcode and email address
- You'll automatically be linked to the people and conversations where you live
- You can post messages, events, polls and pictures, and locals will be able to respond
- You can customise your account so you control how often you receive local updates

In Grove Park ward we actively trying to encourage people to sign up to Streetlife as there is a lack of community online activity in relation to other wards. For more information about Streetlife contact Claire Elsen on 0203 137 5321 or email Claire@streetlife.com

3. The Grove Park Neighbourhood Forum

Stephen Kenny Chair of the Grove Park invited the attendees to come along to the Grove Park Neighbourhood Forum meeting from 12.30pm (same day) at the Ringway Centre. At this meeting there will be the latest information about the Forum and there will a brainstorming event with ideas for the neighbourhood. A follow-up meeting will take place on Wednesday 3 December from 7.30pm at the Baring Hall Hotel.

Stephen also told the assembly that the Shed Heaven workshops will be ready soon with Music and Woodwork sessions taking place from January to March 2015. For more information contact, info@gpcq.org.uk or phone 020 8857 7980.

4. Community Updates

Nothing from the floor

5. Results of the Vote

The following projects will be funded by the Grove Park Assembly Fund

- Chinbrook Dog Show - Chinbrook Fun Day and Dog Show £1,015
- Grove Park Library - Sunshine Corner, £1,532
- Carers Lewisham - Infant Carers Workshops £1,900
- Dalmain Athletic - Girl's Football Project £1,772
- Friends of Northbrook Park - Nature Trail £1,500
- 9 Lewisham Scout Group - Local Scouting Development £1,365
- Grove Park Community Group - Poly Tunnel £500
- Marvels Lane Children Centre - Cooking with Families £750
- Friends of Chinbrook Meadows - Seating £753
- M&B Serrano Enterprise - Basic Home Economics £1,234
- Friends of Chinbrook Meadows – Noticeboard £150

Cllr Elliott then thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and offered his commiserations to the unsuccessful projects.

There being no other business the Assembly closed at 11.30am, no declarations of interest were declared at the meeting.