

**LEWISHAM CENTRAL LOCAL ASSEMBLY
 MEETING**
Tuesday 30 June 2015 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Lewisham Methodist Church
Albion Way, Lewisham, London SE13

Record of Meeting

	Item	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	<p>Cllr Stella Jeffrey welcomed everyone and went through the format of the meeting.</p>	
2	Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Update	
	<p>Update on policing activities in the ward was provided by the area PC and PCSO. Resident can now follow policing activities on their twitter account on lewishamcntl or by Google Lewisham central twitter.</p> <p>Currently the team have increase patrol to diffuse problems on the River Mill Estate and Cornmill Gardens area, dispersing group of young people congregating in the vicinity, riding moped some of which are lost or stolen. One moped was recovered and a suspect arrested. The team is also planning a traffic operation (Bigwing) to intercept stolen moped and scooters around Lewisham High Street and adjoining area.</p> <p>Recurrent beggars in the Town Centre has been a problem lately. One persistence offender has been arrested and has since appeared in court. It was reported that burglary has gone down whilst motor vehicle crimes has gone up.</p>	
3	Transport Improvements Proposals	
A	<p><u>Hither Green Lane Streetscape</u> Building upon the extensive work done by the local community, the Council is conducting a feasibility study of improvements to Hither Green Lane for the enhancement of the streetscape between George Lane and Thornford Road.</p> <p>The main objective of the scheme are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the introduction of a borough-wide 20mph speed limit, reducing vehicle speed and improving safety at junctions • Control illegal parking • Help local economy by improving appearance and accessibility of streets • Make streets more pedestrian friendly 	

	<p>What is proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrow the carriageway width and widen the western footway where possible • Introduce raised tables at junctions to replace existing speed cushions and narrow and raise side road entries. This will improve safety by reducing vehicle speeds. • Increase the number of available parking spaces outside shops <p>The meeting is asked to view the leaflet handout illustrating the outline proposals of the scheme and return any comments to the following email address: transport@lewisham.gov.uk</p>	
B	<p><u>Hither Green Station Access</u></p> <p>Network Rail have submitted an initial application to the Department for Transport's Access for All funding programme. Several options is being worked out to make the Station step-free. The options are currently being costed. Network Rail hopes to approach the Department for Transport to establish what level of funding could be allocated to access improvement at Hither Green Station. Once Network Rail understands the funding level, they will then begin to draw up an engagement plan. Unfortunately, there is no clear timescale for when the project will commence as getting the right amount of the funding required will drive a lot of the timescale.</p>	
C	<p><u>Lewisham Town Centre Bus Stops</u></p> <p>The Council has received several complaints about the proposal to remove the bus stops outside Lewisham Police Stations. Developers of the Gateway project are in discussion with TFL to find a resolution. TFL are considering an extension to the existing bus Lane on Loampit Vale right down to Lewisham Station to improve journey time for people travelling from New Cross & Deptford direction. Consultation on this proposal is due to begin from 1st July and will be open throughout the month of July and August. Residents are encourage to access the information about the consultation on the TFL website to have their say.</p>	
D	<p><u>Outcome of Mountfield Park Parking Study</u></p> <p>Overall, the introduction of a new parking zone across the whole study area was not supported by residents. However, an analysis of the data has been looked at in greater detail which shows that there is clear support from a collective network of streets, therefore a CPZ has been approved for those area. The streets that will be included in the new CPZ are Heather Close, Highfield Close, Hospital Way, Lullingstone Lane, Mountsfield Close, Oakley Drive and Stainton Road</p> <p>What happens next?</p> <p>The new CPZ will now be taken forward for statutory consultation and implementation. The implementation of the new parking arrangements is expected to commence in October 2015. Residents in the new CPZ areas will be sent information prior to the zone going live, explaining how to apply for permits.</p>	

	A full analysis of the consultation report can be viewed by visiting www.lewisham.gov.uk/parking	
4.	Assembly Fund 2015/16 – Processes and Timetable	
	Processes for applying to the Assembly fund remain unchanged. Each Assembly is allocated £15,000 made up of £12,500 for the Assembly and the remaining £2,500 discretionary fund for the ward Councillors to support worthy projects in the area. Applications are open from 1 st July till 11 th September. Applicants would need to demonstrate that their projects addresses one or more of the issues listed in the Assembly Action Plan and projects must be deliverable with the timescale specified by the Council.	
5.	Reporting back from Assembly funded projects	
	<p>Celebrating Chinese New Year This project was organised and delivered by the Mandarin After School Club based at St Swithuns Church Hall to celebrate Chinese new year. It was reported that the event was well attended and there were various activities to cater for all age groups including cooking sessions, performances, art and craft sessions, taster singing and dancing lesson. Around 200 people attended this event. Statistics for attendances recorded that around 90% of attendees were of White and Black origin.</p> <p>Dance Taster Session for Adult This project was delivered by Imagine Discover Dance. The funding secured from the Assembly enabled the project to run six weeks pilot adult dance classes. Sessions were held at Prendergast Vale College site in the evening contributing to the improvement of health and wellbeing. Sessions were delivered to adult beginners who wanted to try contemporary dance. Some of the feedback comments collected from the session was read out at the meeting.</p>	
8.	Community Updates	
	<p>A new social enterprise in Catford Jenny Brady announces that she is starting a new Social Enterprise in the local area. Truly Splendid will be a Vintage Style Living Shop and Tearoom in Catford. The project will be delivered with the help of Crowd funding through Spacehive. Jenny also hopes to apply for a grant from the GLA to further support this project. The project will commence in November 2015. Public support for the project has been overwhelming especially on social media.</p> <p>The project aims to empower local independent businesses and craft people by creating a beautiful community space where they can display and sell their wares. Anyone wishing to pledge their support for this project can find further information about the project on their website www.Spacehive.com/bringingvintagestyletocatford</p>	

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9.	Declaration of interest	
	There were no interest declared at this meeting	