

**LEE GREEN LOCAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING**

Tuesday 29 November 2016 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Trinity Church of England Secondary School

Taunton Road, London SE12

Record of Meeting

	Items	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	Cllr Mallory welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the agenda for the meeting.	
2	Update from the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team	
	<p>The meeting was informed of the recent changes happening within the team. The Safer Neighbourhood Team are narrowing down to three to two people per team for each ward. Officers have been extracted from each area to create a bigger team which would work in line with each SNT on request. Residents may still contact PCSO Abi or her colleague who is expected to be out and about after Christmas for cases involving neighbours dispute and any other minor issues. The team can be reached either by email or telephone.</p> <p>Recent activities in the ward were provided as follows: So far this year, there has been a significant reduction in reported cases of burglary in comparison to the same period last year. The ones that has taken place has been on the other side of Burnt Ash Road, e.g. Woodyates Road and Cambridge Drive. The team are addressing this problem by deploying plain clothe officer to the affected areas. The police have noticed that people who have alarm systems are not using them. The advice from the team is that people set their alarm anytime they leave their property even when they pop into their local shops.</p> <p>A number of motor vehicle crimes, mainly involving theft of number plate in the area has been logged in the area. It is difficult to pin point the scale of the problem where there are no witnesses coming forward. The problem is not isolated to the Lee Green only, but similar problem has been reported in Blackheath and Hither Green area. Residents are encouraged to visit Halfords Store to secure their number plates with tamper-proof screws at a price of under £10.</p>	
3	Manor Lane Streetscape improvement	
	This presentation was delivered by Peter Blake, a Principal Traffic Engineer with the Project Centre. The group was commissioned	

by Lewisham Council to carry out a preliminary design and consultation on the streetscape improvements on Manor Lane between the Railway bridges and Taunton Road. The main aim of the scheme was to improve the streetscape and also deter cross movement of traffic.

Improvements proposed:

- To have three raised tables
- Narrowing the carriageway by removing the partly parking bays from the pavement and relocating parking on the carriageways. This would reduce the width of the carriage way by 5.5 meters which is adequate to get two cars passing alongside each other's. Larger vehicle would have difficulty passing another one.
- Trees would be put in some locations
- inter-treatment into all the side roads to slow down vehicle coming off Manor Lane

As part of the footway improvements the project aims to seek approval from freeholders of private shop forecourt to pave their forecourt along with the rest of the works.

Consultation has been conducted with around 1000 leaflet sent out to residents and businesses. Around 37 responses were received. Some of the positive feedbacks received showed that people were generally happy about the measures proposed to improve pedestrian accessibility and those that will deter large vehicle using the area as a cut through.

The main concerns raised in the survey were that:

- The removal of the road humps may lead to drivers travelling above 20mph
- Loss of residential parking spaces
- A reduction in the carriageway and junction width will lead to traffic congestion
- The improvement does not address speeding problems in adjacent roads.

How the concerns are being addresses:

- There would be no changes to daytime parking. However, it is proposed that the overnight parking on the single yellow line will be removed
- Carriageway width between parking and passing vehicles will be 5.5 meters and will allow two cars to pass safely. It is hoped that the new measure will have no impact on vehicle movements in the surrounding area.
- Raised tables are proven to slow vehicles down on the approaches to junctions. In combination with the narrowing, the three raised tables will ensure the majority of vehicles travel around 20mph.

Materials

Materials to be used for the improvements will include 400 x400 grey concrete slabs for the pavements and private forecourts. Grey small unit pavers will be laid at the point where vehicle crossover, using the same colour to match the slabs. Granite kerb

	<p>will be used at informal crossing points so that drivers can see this is a place where people would like to cross. Black painted iron bollards on the tables where vehicle mount the kerb.</p> <p>Trees: Some relatively small to medium sized trees would be planted mostly outside of the line of shops near Southbrook and Fernbrook.</p> <p>Next step:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the comments received from the public consultation will be assessed and the relevant amendment will be applied to the design • Lewisham Council will sign off the technical design • The Council proposes to use term contractor to implement the scheme • Contractors are expected on site from January 2017 with at least 20 weeks duration • Expected completion date is around May / June 2017. <p>A question and answer session followed this presentation.</p>	
4.	Update on Manor House & Library	
	<p>The chair informed the meeting that the officer scheduled to present the update has had to leave due to an emergency situation she had to attend to. Instead a written summary has been provided. Also a few copies of a document entitled “Extension of the community library model to Manor House Library” which outlines a summary description of the bidder’s plans for Manor House is available for people to view. Some references were made to this document during the update. The chair highlight two issues around the library. The first is the plans to go forward as a community library and the other is concerning current interim arrangements.</p> <p>Since the last assembly the Council has invited bids from partner organisations who can help manage the building and library service within it. At the initial stage around 12 organisation put forward an interest, five asked to meet the Assembly Library working group with three finally submitting their proposal to the Council. The three organisations are Art Network, Family Health Isis and V22.</p> <p>The meeting was invited to check the document distributed at the meeting which contains a synopsis of what each of the bids entails. A meeting has been set-up for the bidders to meet with members of the Assembly library working. The working group has drawn up a set of questions to ask the bidders. People at the meeting are also asked to send any additional questions that they may wish to raise to Ade. Jim will send Ade the list of question drawn up by the working group to circulate to people on the Assembly mailing list.</p>	<p>Cllr Mallory / Ade Joseph</p>
5	Assembly fund bids presentation & Voting	

A brief introduction to the fund was provided for the benefit of people attending the meeting for the first time. There are no changes to the amount of allocation for next year. The Mayor of Lewisham has agreed to keep the £15,000 allocation the same for next financial year a news that was well received by the meeting. An explanation outlining the error made in the remaining amount of underspend was provided at the meeting. The size of the fund was not £4150 as announced at the last assembly meeting but rather £2,519.

The extra expense resulted from the advance use of £1,631 from the Councillor's Discretionary fund to pay for some of the materials used for the 2016 Assembly Showcase. Normally the discretionary fund is added to the assembly allocation and voted upon by the assembly. However, because of the urgency in needing to find funds to pay for the showcase, the Councillors supported the use of the fund outside of the Assembly meeting. Both Ade and the three Councillors had forgotten about the showcase spending when the figures was announced at the last meeting.

A brief outline of how the Assembly fund was allocated this year was provided. Members of the Coordinating group has carried out a check on all applications received for the remaining amount and found them to be of relevance to the Assembly priorities and also fits well within the framework of the Local Plan.

The following course of action were suggested as a way forward to remedy the error:

- That the bid received from Family Health Isis for £1850 which was seen as excessive in the light of the overall budget is accepted in principles. The organisation has been advised to represent this bid for the 2017/18 funding regime.
- That the remaining fund of £407 from last year £603 Assembly underspend is added to the remaining budget for this year.
- That the savings of £273.75 from the Assembly meeting production budget is added to the remaining 2016-17 Assembly budget.

All the above action will ensure that there is sufficient funding to support all the bids received should the meeting be in agreement. All the above suggestions received a seal of approval from the assembly.

The four community organisation (Lee Fair Share, Manor Park Users Group, Hither Green Mural and Lee Green Consortium) seeking assistance from the remaining 2016-17 fund underspend

	<p>presented their project ideas to the meeting.</p> <p>A vote was taken by show of hand to decide which project gets funded. All the bids presented received a seal of approval from the meeting.</p>	
6.	Community Updates and any other business	
6.1	<p><u>Tennis Court in Manor House Gardens</u></p> <p>Works to refurbish the tennis court in Manor House Gardens will begin in the week commencing 9th of January 2017. The work will involve resurfacing and fencing. The users group has been consulted on the type of suitable fencing. Trees in surrounding area will be trimmed down. Once the court is installed access into the area would be via a key fob.</p> <p>People would be able to book to use the court at a charge of £5 per hour or they may prefer to subscribe to an annual membership fee of £30 for free access to use the court whenever is required. The charges will go towards future maintenance of the court. There are also plans to refurbish tennis court in Foster Park and Ladywell Fields. New flood lights will be installed at both location to facilitate evening usage. Booking can be made via a new website to be created. The meeting was informed that Lewisham has gone into a 15 years partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association and they have awarded some money to enable the required work and development of the booking website.</p>	
6.2	<p><u>Friends of Staplehurst Road Shops (FUSS)</u></p> <p>The meeting was informed about an idea put forward by FUSS to redevelop the areas just outside the station widening the pavement to facilitate outdoor seating outside some of the shops. The idea would deliver more pedestrianize space rather than inefficiently being used for vehicular parking. The idea has been presented to the Council. As a result, the Council has managed to acquire £50,000. However, their idea for the use of the fund is focused around developing a taxi rank on Fernbrook Road and making some minor changes to some of the pavements to help pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>FUSS has a better idea for the use of the fund and is therefore seeking the support of the Assembly in ensuring that this fund is spent wisely on what is needed for the area instead of the Council proposed use. A suggestion that perhaps the Assembly Coordinating Group can work with the Council to bring together some better ideas to make sure that the money is used more effectively was proposed.</p> <p>The group would like to know at this stage if the Assembly would be interested in learning more about their idea and offer their backing to idea to gain more impact.</p> <p>A vote taken by show of hands for general support of the idea showed that majority of people at the meeting supports it.</p> <p>The Council is planning to begin work in March. Simon would</p>	

	<p>feedback to FUSS and perhaps ask the Council to hold off on its plan in the meantime.</p> <p><u>FUSS Annual Christmas Fair</u> The annual Christmas Fair organised by FUSS would take place on Saturday 3rd December from 12-5pm at Staplehurst Road. Volunteers are needed to mind the road on Friday nights to stop vehicle parking where the stalls would be.</p> <p><u>Friends of Manor House Gardens Annual General Meeting</u> FOMHG are holding their AGM on Tuesday 6th December at Pistachio in the Park café. Glendale would be in attendance to take questions on park maintenance.</p> <p><u>Hither Green Mural</u> Hither Green Mural is holding a benefit gig on Friday 2nd December. The event will take place in the evening at Hither Green Railway club in Beacon Road.</p>	
7.	Declaration of interest	
	There were no interest declared at this meeting.	