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Minutes

WHITEFOOT ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2016 - 7.00 pm – 9.00pm

Goldsmith's Community Centre
Castillon Road, Catford, London SE6 1QD

Minutes of the Meeting

Welcome from the Chair and house-keeping – Councillor Ingleby opened the meeting, welcoming all. After the usual house-keeping and overview of the meeting's content, Cllr. Ingleby invited children of the Saint John the Baptist Community Outreach Choir to perform a few songs to the delight of all present. A hearty thank you to SJB Community Outreach Choir.

2016-2017 Whitefoot Assembly Funds – Councillor Ingleby explained that following on from the October 2016 Assembly where the ward priorities for 2017 were set, the Assembly fund was launched and remained open until Wednesday 2nd November 2016. The Coordinating Group then met on 22nd November to assess all applications received. Subsequent recommendations regarding which projects to fund were then brought to this Assembly.

The priorities for Whitefoot for 2017 are as follows;

- Children & Young People
- Older People
- Unemployment and Skills Development
- Connecting Communities
- Creating a high-quality living environment

The projects recommended to receive funding are as below;

Name of Project	Amount Awarded
St John the Baptist Community Outreach Choir	£ 960
Conisborough College - Dig It Project	£ 900
Carers Lewisham – Drivers Education Project	£1,000
Parent Support Group (PSG) – BEAT Project (Drumming for Wellbeing)	£1,000
Sports Fun 4 All - Whitefoot Football Project	£1,000
Blue Ribbon Foundation – Men's Project	£ 900
St. Luke's – Drop-In	£1,200
Goldsmith's Community Centre – Piece of Cake Project	£ 880
Friends of Forster Park (FoFP) – Revive Forster Park Project – Pig Statues	£1,190
FoFP – Revive Forster Park - Benches	£2,070
Friends of Railway Children Walk -	£1,400

Brief Description of each project;

Saint John the Baptist Community Outreach Choir - St John's School with the support of St John's Church are creating a singing club for interested and motivated pupils from across years 4, 5 and 6. The purpose of the club will be to allow the children to experience a wide range of musical styles and to perform. They will grow together as a group and this will be a valuable after-school resource for parents who cannot afford private music lessons. Learning to sing helps children develop across a whole range of subject areas and increases co-operation and cohesion within the group and across year groups.

The singing club will run once a week at St John Baptist Primary School – Wednesday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. This will involve children from Year 4, 5 and 6. There will also be many opportunities to perform, including at assemblies and recitals held in St John's School but also at other local churches and schools. The club will also focus on the fun aspects of working together in a choir. There will also be organised trips, parties and BBQs.

*For more information please contact Caroline Phillips, Head Teacher, St John Baptist Primary School Beachborough Road, Bromley, BR15RL
Headteacher@sjb.lewisham.sch.uk or 020 8698 3059*

Conisborough College 'Dig-It' Project - The Conisborough 'Dig-It' Project will develop an unused area within the school into a garden plot to grow vegetables and to then make up vegetable boxes to donate among vulnerable children, adults and elders within the Whitefoot ward.

The project will be carried out in the Conisborough College Progress unit, a resource base for young people with moderate learning disabilities. The project will allow young people to develop both skills for independence and skills for employment.

The project will also provide young people with skills they can share with their families and ensure all students know how to work safely within a garden.

The local allotment will be invited to the garden to provide information / guidance on the above. The first vegetable boxes should be available by June 2017.

For more information about how to get involved please contact Simon Fennell at Conisborough College SFennell@cc.lewisham.sch.uk 020 8461 9600.

Carer's Lewisham Driver's Education for Young Adult Carers - This project aims to give Young Adult Carers, aged 16-25 years old, the opportunity to take a first big step towards obtaining their driving licence. It's a course designed to guide and prepare young people for their theory test. The project will cover key areas required for the theory test and will be delivered in an interactive format with a mix of group, computer and paper based exercises and quizzes. At the end of the course young people will have their theory tests booked at test centres across London (of their choice).

The intention is that this course will encourage participants to be more confident and develop their self-esteem as they develop practical skills that will prepare them for an independent future.

Included in this course will be a session with a focus on employability, directing the young people to look at their opportunities for employment and how to manage a small income and possible expenses appropriate to their lifestyles.

The project aims to improve life skills and learning, careers and personal and social development for young adult carers aged 16-25 years old. The work is concerned with reducing inappropriate caring roles, improving health and economic wellbeing, and reducing isolation of Young Adult. Through a series of skills development workshops participants will be assisted in achieving independence and self-determination as well as in acquiring new life skills.

The project will take place at Boundfield Road, Catford, London SE6 1PF or Phoenix Community Housing The Green Man, 355 Bromley Road, SE6 2RP during school holidays, for a total of 2 weeks (2 courses):

- ***Spring Half term: Tuesday 14 February–Thursday 16 February***
- ***Easter: Tuesday 4 April – Thursday 6 April***

Each course will last 4 days:

- ***3 days (4 hours per day) driving study time***
- ***1 day (3 hours) employability workshop***

Young carers will need to have a provisional licence and be able to commit to attend the full course (5 days).

For more information please contact Luisa Depaoli at Carers Lewisham, Waldram Place, Forest Hill, SE23 2LB Luisa@carerslewisham.org.uk 020 8699 8686.

Parent Support Group BEAT (Drumming for Wellbeing) - is a weekly drumming circle modelled as a social club to increase wellbeing, socialisation and reduce isolation.

BEAT will offer a space to parents who just need some time to pause and reflect on their own health and well-being. It is a forum for parents who may be experiencing barriers to seeking support due to the stigma attached to not coping. BEAT uses hand drumming to aid well-being and relaxation. The sessions are aimed at parents who are facing loneliness and isolation and have the added pressure of developing safe attachments with their children. BEAT is a fun, social activity that brings people together to be spontaneous in the moment and leaves room for personal reflection and well-being.

There are many benefits of community drumming and it does not require advanced physical abilities or specialised talents and does not require participants to read music or understand music theory. Group drumming creates a sense of community and a powerful shared experience.

Hour long interactive group drumming sessions will be run weekly each Thursday during term time at Hope Church (480 Whitefoot Lane, *Downham*, BR1 5SF). The sessions will be free to access and will be open to parents and carers in the local community and existing users of PSG's services.

The sessions will be run on a drop-in basis, although participants will be encouraged to attend as regularly as possible to maximise the individual beneficial impacts.

The sessions will be led by PSG and supported by Multicultural Wellbeing and Health (MWAH) who see drumming as fitting well with their objective to “reduce isolation and increase community cohesion in unique and diverse communities”.

Those who attend will also have the opportunity to link into the other services which PSG, MWAH and Hope Church provide.

For more information please contact Anne Williams, Parent Support Group (South East London). Postal address 22, Shaftesbury Road, Beckenham. BR3 3PW.
anne@psg.org.uk .

Sports Fun 4 All – Whitefoot Football Project - The WFP is filling the void left by the lack of activities for young people in the local area. The WFP will offer YP a safe and friendly environment where they can take part in physical activity. The funding will mean there is no charge for the football session.

The WFP is a social inclusion programme for YP aged 13 – 20. The project is a positive diversionary activity for the YP in the local and surrounding areas using football as the tool to engage them. It will run for 8 weeks and deliver a total of 16 hours of football activity.

The project will be delivered by coaches from Sports Fun 4 All. The coaches have sports qualifications and youth works skills to engage the YP in a safe, informal environment ensuring that they can have fun and improve their soft skills such as communication, team work and respect.

Evidence from Sport England shows that young people begin to drop out of sport at 14. Offering a fun, engaging activity on the young person’s doorstep will make it easier for them to participate removing the barriers to participation such as cost and travel.

The WFP will run one night a week on a Friday from 6.00pm – 8.00pm as an open football session consisting of small sided games and semi-structured coaching.

Outreach will be undertaken in the six weeks leading up to the session. The outreach will be done on the days and the times that the WFP is due to run. The main outreach will be undertaken in the estates surrounding the centre and those in the nearby wards of Rushey Green, Downham and Catford.

For more information please contact Kieran Connolly at SportsFun4All1@gmail.com

Blue Ribbon Foundation Whitefoot Men’s Project – Councillor Ingleby invited Jonathan Prince, Trustee of the Blue Ribbon Foundation Whitefoot Men’s Project to say a few words about the project.

The Blue Ribbon Foundation are passionate about promoting better health and wellbeing for men and this project seeks to take health promotion messages to where men are for example, at football clubs, in pubs and cafes and at work.

Following consultation with local people, local GPs, the CCG and with voluntary and community sector groups such as Age UK Lewisham and Southwark, the Blue Ribbon Foundation have developed the Whitefoot Men's Project. This project will work in partnership with Community Connections in Downham, to deliver improved health for local men. Key objectives are: to raise awareness of male health issues; to encourage local men to take positive action to safeguard their health and wellbeing, including encouraging men to visit their doctor more often; and to use the Blue Ribbon as a 'rallying banner' to help bring about awareness, including encouraging other male health charities to adopt the Ribbon.

The Whitefoot Men's project will work with local older men via Walking Football and informal networking to help deliver a 'Man Cave' on the Downham Estate.

There will be a walking football programme for 10 weeks. 15 to 20 men will benefit in the immediate term, but with the development and expansion of the project it is anticipated that many more will benefit over the coming months.

The programme will identify and engage with people who are socially isolated, including the 10% of residents in the target wards who are over the age of 64, and who struggle to access services and social interaction. The project will work with the Whitefoot & Downham Food-bank and the Downham Community drop-in so that the individuals who attend their services have another activity to benefit from.

For more information please contact Jonathan at jonathan@blueribbonfoundation.org.uk or Edmund Glynn at mjeg28@gmail.com

St. Luke's Downham and Whitefoot Drop In - has been hosted and managed by St Luke's Church since the previous 999 Club on Downham Way closed down at the end of 2014. It is also known as the Front Room where local people can come and socialise in a warm, welcoming and friendly environment. St Luke's offers Free Church space for the service as well as hot drinks and snacks. It also provides a comfortable seating area, access to the kitchen, background music (or scheduled 'film shows'), as well as the use of three computers and free Wi-Fi.

In addition to this the Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) will operate at the project for 1.5 hrs each week, during hours of operation. There are various board games available for people to use and outings organised which have previously included trips to Swanley, a day trip to Southend, and a summer BBQ.

The Front Room is part-run by volunteers and by paid staff (a female Support Worker and male Project Manager), who offer low level support and advocacy, such as help with making appointments with housing, the dentist, or GP.

Approx. 20-30 people frequent The Front Room each Tuesday and Friday from 9.30am – 2.30pm. Aged 18 upwards, the average age of attendees is mid-50s. People who use the service mainly come from Downham and Whitefoot Ward areas. (The summer BBQ attracted 36 people).

All local visitors are welcome to access the project.

For more information please contact Frances Nestor at St Luke's, Northover, Downham. BR1 5JR. cfm1000@aol.com or stlukes70@gmail.com 07849 517 993

Goldsmith's Community Centre - Peace of Cake Project - Councillor Ingleby invited Asma Meer, founder of the project to say a few words. Asma advised that the Peace of Cake project started as a simple Facebook post on a mums' forum after the terrorist attacks in Paris, asking if people wanted to get together in solidarity for peace.

Asma, a local residents and Goldsmith's Community Centre user contacted the centre to ask if they would be prepared to host an immediate event to show solidarity together as a community. Since that first get together the movement has grown. The last event at Goldsmiths was a post Brexit event where, by popular demand, everyone, whether they voted 'Remain' or 'Leave' was invited to come together to make a stand against racism.

The project aims to develop a Peace of Cake as a movement locally and beyond from its founding base at Goldsmiths offering advice, support forums and generally tackling the root causes of misunderstanding between groups which lead to hate crime and aggression.

Events will be advertised on social media and via the centre's mailing lists. Tea and coffee are provided and people bring cake to share. Information about the movement will be shared with users of the Centre as the movement grows.

People of diverse backgrounds are encouraged to come together and share cake, tea and friendship. Social Media/Video is used with messages of anti-hate and promoted. Please see videos below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePhPs9A9uVk>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYgG-5kkLW0>

Understanding of why people do and do not come together will increase with having more Peace of Cake events. There is much discussion and a great deal of qualitative data that can be collected. The aim is to make sure that the meetings are not just made up of one set of people or people who hold similar beliefs.

The next Peace of Cake Get-Together will take place at Goldsmith's Community Centre on Saturday 28th January 2017 from 3pm till 5.30pm. Please bring your family and friends.

For more information please contact Elizabeth Wood at Goldsmith's Community Centre
gcacommittee@outlook.com

Friends of Forster Park – Pig Statues, Benches and Signage – Forster Park is a fantastic park with woodland, football pitches and green space situated in a dense residential area. It is a perfect location for family and community activities.

The Friends of Forster Park group (FoFP) aim to boost the use of the park with a long term view to fund a new playground, and other activities for the local community to enjoy.

To get the group started they are keen to start improving the park's facilities, and therefore plan to fund two pig statues. These statues will be situated in the area of the park called 'Piggy Island' so called because pigs were kept on this site when it was a farm. The statues will be accompanied by a sign detailing their significance, alongside the history of the park, which we hope will enable people to re-engage with the park, and provide a talking point/ something to delight younger people. There will also be two benches so that people can sit close to the pigs.

For more information or to get involved with the Friends of Forster Park please contact

Alys Exley-Smith at alysexley@gmail.com

Friends of Railway Children's Walk – This project aims to improve the existing walk including the idea of an edible garden and / or a fruit orchard. The Friends of Railway Children's Walk are keen to make the walk a greener and safer area of the community connecting Whitefoot and Grove Park wards.

The footpath/cycleway from Reigate Road to the railway footbridge that connects to Grove Park, which is near to shop and other amenities including the railway station and nature reserve, is not inviting. Many residents from the vicinity, when asked, said they wished to see the area made to feel safer and less overgrown.

A programme of branch and nettle clearing on both sides of the walk will take place to achieve this plus thoughtful planting schemes. A Forest School will provide opportunities for young people to get involved with the added aim of connecting the green corridor down to Downham Woodland Walk and onto Beckenham Place Park.

For more details or to get involved please contact Stephen Kenny at stephen@seenyc.org

Fly-tipping in the ward – Presentation by Nigel Tyrell, Head of Environment
Nigel

Nigel advised that fly-tips within the Borough invariably contain a wide variety of waste from tyres to old fridges to mattresses and to one occasion a coffin !!!

Nigel explained that the amount of fly-tipping within the Borough had not increased in the last 10 years though perception of how much is fly-tipped has.

Council officers in the Waste and Environment Team have the authority to issue Fixed Penalty Notices when there is sufficient evidence to do so. Lewisham hold the record for issuing the most FPN's in south London. 230 FPN's were issued in 2016 alone. The money collected from these FPN's goes towards paying for clearing the fly-tips.

Whitefoot ward, regrettably, sees the highest incidence of fly-tipping within the Borough.

There are only x3 people in the fly-tipping team so aside from money collected via FPN's the team is relatively resource poor, nonetheless, there have been some significant wins including prosecutions.

What can we do Collectively?’

Report fly-tippers

As well as reporting fly-tips that need clearing, residents can also give the Council information about who is fly tipping.

On-the-spot fines of up to £400 are given to people who are caught fly tipping and the more information and evidence the Council has about fly-tippers the better the chance it has of finding and fining them and stopping them doing it again.

Additionally, a maximum £50,000 fine and/or a five year prison sentence can be given if fly-tippers are prosecuted through the courts.

You should only provide information to the Council about fly-tippers if you can do safely without putting yourself at risk. The Council advises against searching through fly-tips, looking for evidence. However, if you see a fly tip taking place, and you're able to safely get the following information, then the Council wants to hear from you:

- a description of the waste
- a description of the people involved
- a description of any vehicles involved, and the number plate
- Information about where the fly-tippers came from.

All information the Council receives will be confidential. You can complete a report it at www.lewisham.gov.uk/reportflytippers, email it to cleanstreets@lewisham.gov.uk or phone 020 8314 2170

What can The Council do?

At this stage the floor was opened up for questions and suggestions.

One member made an enquiry as to whether or not the council might adopt 'Amnesty' days which in short are specific days advertised by the council in advance whereby residents are allowed to leave their unwanted, bulky items on the side of the road, next to their house for collection by the council thereby reducing fly-tipping.

It was also suggested that rather than punishing people who do fly-tip there needs to be more effort and resources thrown at educating people about how to dispose of their unwanted, bulky items. The council needs to make information relating to disposing of all waste easy to access. To this end the environment team are planning to publish a council booklet which will include all the pertinent information. It was suggested that the booklet also include links to sites like 'free-cycle' which many don't know exists but which is an excellent way to 'get rid of' or acquire pieces of furniture etc.

It was suggested that there needs to be incentives for people not to fly-tip. Partnerships could be developed with the British Heart Foundation who, on specific 'amnesty' days could drive around the ward collecting items of furniture useful to them before the council cleared the rest. In addition an 'upcycling' project could be developed where unwanted, useful but 'tired' pieces of furniture could be collected on specific 'amnesty' day's and taken to a venue large enough to store the items which could then form the basis of an 'upcycling' project. People participating in the project could learn new skills involved with restoration and repair and could keep the piece of furniture at the end or it could be donated to a charity.

Cllr. Slater reminded everyone about the all new, improved Fix My Street Mobile Phone Ap.

Fix My Street is an award-winning environmental management system, established in 2004.

It is the quick and easy way to report fly-tipping, graffiti, abandoned cars - or any environmental

Street issues to the Council so they can fix it.

To report environmental problems [use our website](#) or download the [FixMyStreet](#) app.

Phoenix Community Housing current position on fly-tipping - In terms of Phoenix Housing's strategic approach to tackling fly tipping, they have started to close off some of their gated areas at North Downham which is one of the main hot spot areas for fly tipping. Phoenix will monitor how successful this is and feedback to colleagues at the next meeting. Phoenix are also introducing new signage across their estates and identifying specific areas where CCTV will be installed. This will be a mixture of dummy cameras as well as real CCTV. Phoenix will continue to provide evidence to colleagues at Lewisham and have so far referred five cases where fly tipping has taken place, either through correspondence found amongst the rubbish, statements from residents or video footage.

Following are the responses to the Fly-tip questionnaire which members of the Assembly completed during the break.

Do you get fly-tipping happening regularly in your street or a nearby street? If so, please say where

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- Further Green Road near to the MOT garage towards Verdant Lane and South Circular Junction (the camera positioned on Pasture Road is effective)
 - By Haddington Gate to Woodland Walk – bottom of Haddington Road
 - Shroffold Road/Downham Estate in general
 - Shroffold Road/Reigate Park/Reigate Road (Downham and Whitefoot wards)
 - Pasture Road joining Verdant Lane
 - Downhill Road
 - Further Green Road
 - On the corner of Pasture Road and Verdant Lane
 - Sometimes Verdant Lane and Corbett Estate
 - Haddington Road (bottom end), always various piles of rubble etc.
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- Junction of Southview and Brockman rise, almost every week (old beds, household items, black sacks etc.)
 - Haddington Road
 - Southview Road
 - Brockman Rise
 - Oldstead Road
 - End of Haddington Road near barrier with Oakridge
 - Conisborough/Bosbury/Carstairs Triangle
 - Daneswood near Bromley Road Junction (occasional domestic items appearing on corners – assuming Council will resolve.
 - Private Access Alleyways vulnerable – rubbish from homes and fly-tipping
 - Thornsbeach Road
 - Inchmery and surrounding streets

How often are you aware of this happening, and how quickly do you think it is reported and taken away?

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- A continual problem
 - Every week – when reported not taken away quickly enough – told, when reported, it takes up to five working days unless identifiably hazardous
 - Frequently within about two to three weeks
 - Reigate Park about four weeks ago – now removed
 - Very often
 - It was very bad but a resident at No. 6 Pasture Road cleared a lot of the rubbish on to the pavement and the Council took it away. Things are now better
 - On the Corbett Resident Association Facebook page people put up photos and comments
 - Not sure
 - Each day. When you're able to get through to Council removal is good
 - Regularly, probably weekly. Seems to take a week to clear. Reported by local residents when spotted
 - Sometimes daily. It is taken away very quickly usually within a couple of days

Do you report fly-tipping when you see it? If so, by phone or email or smart phone app?

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- Regularly by phone
 - By phone
 - Yes by phone but getting through to Lewisham is hard by phone. I was waiting a whole hour before someone answered the phone
 - Tried to report once by phone but I kept being put through to another number only to be put on to another number, after about two minutes I put the phone down resulting in not reporting the fly-tip
 - My wife is on Neighbourhood Watch and she reports fly-tips to the Council
 - Yes to Corbett Group and to the Council
 - No, I always assume the authorities deal with it if it's prominent
 - Yes by phone
 - Yes, usually by phone, sometime by email, although it takes a long time to answer on the 020 8313 7171 number they will, usually, call you back
 - Have previously reported a dead fox placed at the roadside – took several days before it was removed
 - Yes - email
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If the Council receives the legal permission, would you be willing to be an on-line observer of the data from one of the Council's fly-tipping cameras on your laptop (if it was in your neighbourhood), to help verify incidents and catch violators?

- I do not have a Laptop but feel this would be a very good idea
- No Laptop equipment
- No but I would help report or catch number plate or take photographs of it happening
- Not good with computers so No
- Yes
- No
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes, Haddington as above or around Beachborough Road green
- No personally but believe a number of residents on Conisborough Crescent would be willing
- No

Would you like to see 'dummy' cameras deployed to deter fly-tippers?

- Yes
- Yes but not just dummy cameras, real cameras too
- Yes
- Not really
- Yes
- Yes, as long as it wasn't obvious they were dummies
- Yes but prefer live cameras to be installed
- Yes
- If there is evidence 'dummy' cameras are effective then Yes
- Yes

Can you recommend an area of shops and residential units or other 'hot-spots' in Whitefoot where a Council enforcement team would find plenty of 'business' for handing out Fixed Penalty Fines for fly-tipping?

- Haddington Road – Cotton hill – Outside Whitefoot Lane/Haddington Road entrance to Forster Memorial Park – many roads in one immediate area suffer as they interlock and offer easy exits after dumping
- No
- No
- There is a lot of household rubbish and building materials dumped on Downhill Road
- Adjacent to Charity shops etc. and rear of shops in Bromley Road shopping parade etc.
- Rear of the FIAT garage
- Beachborough Road
- SHELL garage on Whitefoot Lane

Would you like to receive regular monthly updates on local progress and alerts with fly-tipping (especially when we catch or prosecute offenders)? If so, would you prefer Twitter, email or a leaflet update?

- Not at the moment
- Yes, leaflet updates – I think prosecuted individuals should be named and shamed in leaflets and possibly local, free papers – It would be a good deterrent to others
- Yes, leaflets
- Yes, leaflet update
- Yes, leaflet update

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- Yes
 - Yes – need to give more information – people don't know about fines and how much they are
 - Yes
 - Yes. Email
 - No

Do you know where the fly-tip deterrent Yucca plants are located around the ward? The person who can name the most sites in response to this question will get a prize ☺

- Yes, they're all around the area up from Verdant Lane on the corners of the roads. At least five places near to Castillon Road by the Community Centre. By the 124/284 bus stops opposite the cemetery and near the petrol station up from Whitefoot Lane on the corner of Water's Road
- The Yucca plants stop larger items but cans, bottles and plastic junk are still deposited in these areas
- Behind the shops on Bromley Road (Oakridge Road)
- Junction of Dwinderry/Churchdown
- Shroffold Road, Roundtable Road, Waters Road, Ballymore Road, Bedevere Road, by King's Church on the Green, the road behind Pendragon School
- Verdant Lane, Waters Road, Durham Hill and Reigate Road
- Verdant Lane, Towby Road
- Three in Churchdown Road, two at rear of shops in Downham and Verdant Lane
- Dwinderry Road, Churchdown Road, Shroffold Road, Lower Oakridge Road, all roads off Downham Way, Wentthrope Road, Ravenscar Road, Rangefield Road, Goldhurst Road
- Pendragon/Roundtable, Shroffold Road/Northover, Woodbank/Limecombe, Lentmead/Shaw, Roundtable/Jennifer/Dragnet, Waters/Verdant Lane
- Waters Road, Northover and Keedonwood

Do you have suggestions where Yucca plants could go?

- All vacant junction spaces at junctions. It could help to install a waste bin at each site, hopefully to encourage people to drop litter in them
- No
- Not too sure – maybe at the bottom of Reigate Road – there are two, green grassed, walled areas just past Reigate Park
- Green alongside allotments in Castillon Road to deter dogs messing as well as fly-tipping

Any other comments?

- Can waste material be used in a more constructive, recyclable way? e.g. 'Up-Cycling'
 - Needs to be a wholesale restructure of the Council's response to waste collection
 - Collection Methods – Council uses newspapers and Lewisham Life to communicate however, it is easier via internet.
 - There is less fly-tipping in Germany because they have a better, more efficient system to keep streets clean and clear – need to research other countries responses to waste – many are more eco-friendly
 - Need to introduce 'Amnesty Days' as they do in Melbourne, Australia
 - Need to set-up Local groups/task forces
 - Need to raise awareness of sites like 'FREECYCLE'
 - We believe commercial fly-tipping should attract a much higher penalty like a custodial sentence
 - We could arrange an information evening like the presentation given today at the Mosque (13/12/16) – this would reach a lot of people and you would get some volunteers for the CCTV. Also, in Islam, removing an obstacle from pathway is considered a very good thing so the Imam would probably support this
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**Break with entertainment from members of Goldsmith's Academy Dancers
and food supplied by Cummin' Up**

Community Safety Updates - PC Ganeshwaram Rasaratnam introduced himself and DWO Lauren Gillam alongside PCSO Paul Wilson. PC Ganeshwaram advised that Sergeant John Berry has now left the Whitefoot Safer Neighborhood Team and has been replaced by Sergeant Mark Russell.

The Assembly were notified that in recent weeks there had been a spate of gold theft. As a result, in collaboration with the Tahir Mosque, members of the Whitefoot SNT were preparing to hold an information and safety advice session on the theft of gold aimed at the target groups on 5th January 2016. Please check the Whitefoot SNT website for more information.

Other News: Also in recent weeks a warrant had been issued in relation to drug offences within Reigate Road. The case is now with the Crown Prosecution Service awaiting their decision as to whether there is enough evidence to proceed to court or not.

A further two warrants have also been issued on the ward this time in relation to dog offences. One of the dogs has been taken away to be assessed. The team are awaiting the outcome of the assessment.

Community Updates

St John the Baptist - Father Martin Thomas, Rector of St John the Baptist, Catford advised that the church is hoping to redevelop its site. The aim is to create a new attractive entrance and to look at the possibility of introducing other amenities into the church area. To this end, Father Martin welcomed the input of those present asking them to nominate their top three preferences from the list below;

Community space (playground, community garden)
Culture & Entertainment (gallery, performance space)
Education (school clubs, crèche/nursery)
Retail (convenience store, cafe)
Health & Wellbeing (pharmacy, keep fit)
Employment (workshop, live-work, social enterprise)

For more information please contact Fr. Martin Thomas, Rector at fathermartinthomas@gmail.com

Friends of Forster Park – Milos Vukcevic of the Friends of Forster Park group explained that the group recently became a constituted group with a view to improving the park for the local community. Milos went on to say that the group are in the process of consulting with the local community to enable them to understand

people's opinions on Forster Park, what they enjoy about the park, and what they would like to see improved.

To sign up to the Friends of Forster Memorial Park emails please click on the mail chimp link below; <http://eepurl.com/cote9z>

To have your say please complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GHJMJRM>

* Facebook group: Friends of Forster Memorial Park.

The next FoFP meeting is scheduled to take place at the Green Man, Phoenix Community Housing, Bromley Road on Thursday 12th January 2016 at 7.00pm.

For more information contact foforstermemorialpark@gmail.com

Goldsmith's Community Centre – Sue East, Treasurer of Goldsmith's Community Association gave an overview of activities at the centre since it fully re-opened. There are at least 15 user groups using the centre on a weekly basis which includes the Goldsmith's Academy Dancers who entertain the Assembly during the break. The Musical Theatre Group which is part of the Dance Academy are currently in rehearsal for the Christmas Pantomime which will take place at Goldsmith's on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th January 2017. Tickets available from Sue after the meeting or directly from the Centre.

The Centre also hosts a wide range of adult fitness classes including Iyengar yoga, Zumba and line dancing. In January, the centre will be welcoming a martial arts group, a community yoga group, BurleX fitness classes and puppy training.

For more information please visit the website at;

<http://www.goldsmithscommunitycentre.org.uk/groups--activities.html>

Whitefoot and Downham Community Food Plus Project – Cllr. Daby advised that the WDCF+

is for people who are experiencing poverty. Their focus is primarily on the provision of food as well as working with voluntary and statutory agencies to support people's health and wellbeing.

Donations are welcome at Local Giving <https://localgiving.com/charity/wdcfplus>

Visitors to the project can be referred from an organisation or they can self-refer, (further guidance on this is provided by the project). A few of the services offered include: nutrition advice, cooking skills, classes, community gardening, employment skills, mental health, local councillor surgery, pastoral, parental, housing and debt advice.

The project is open every Thursday from 7.00pm – 8.30pm at Whitefoot Lane Christian Centre, 480 Whitefoot Lane, Downham, BR1 5SF.

St. Mark's Church – Carol Service Sunday 18th December 2016 at 4pm. Children are invited to dress up. Everybody welcome.

Feedback Forms and Co-group Membership – Cllr Ingleby took this opportunity to encourage all present to complete their feedback forms especially Question 9 which invites attendees to make suggestions for future topics at future assemblies.

Cllr Ingleby also promoted the Whitefoot Assembly Coordinating Group, explaining the work of the group and encouraging anyone who wished to join it to contact Ali Williams, Whitefoot Local Assembly Coordinator at Ali.williams2@lewisham.gov.uk or
Tel: 020 8314 6293 or Mobile: 07834 145 007

The role of the Coordinating Group is to plan assembly meetings and to ensure the assembly is representative of the Whitefoot ward explaining that Co-group members should be familiar with their local area and should play a key role in promoting the Whitefoot Assembly.

An additional task of the group is to scrutinise funding applications to ensure that they meet the criteria set. The criteria will include the ward priorities, however the group may decide to look at other restrictions such as bid limits and targeting certain priorities.

An ideal Coordinating Group will have the following:

- Diverse age range, ethnic background and representative of the ward profile
- Representative from the third sector
- Local business
- Local community group or society
- Local residents
- Ward councillors

Date and time of Next Whitefoot Assembly – Tuesday 21st March 2017 – Venue TBC

Thanks to Goldsmith's Community Centre for hosting this Assembly and to the Goldsmith's Academy Dancers who entertained us during the break and to St John The Baptist Community Outreach Choir for opening the Assembly with their delightful, choral renditions and to all those who participated.

Close of Meeting