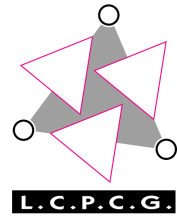


LEWISHAM COMMUNITY POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP



Tuesday 27 March 2012 - 7.00 -9.30 pm
Council Chamber, Civic Suite, Catford, London SE6 4RU

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting – March 2012

Representing Member Organisations (voting)

Jackie Addison	LCPCG Chair
Tayo Disu	LCPCG Vice Chair
Gary Connors	Strategic Crime Reduction Manager, (Lewisham Council)
Michael Gallagher	MPS Lewisham, Deputy Borough Commander,
Angela Hall	Sydenham Ward Panel
Anthony Scully	Friends of Home Park
Barbara Raymond	Moonshot Phoenix Youth Club
Bishop Owen Douce	Ransom Church of God
Christine Kibblewhite	Crofton Park Ward Panel
Cora Green	Lewisham Victims Support Scheme
Crada Onuegbu	LBL Cabinet Member for Community Safety
David Michael	Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust
Emmanuel Kormi	Unity in our Community
Florence Emakpose	World Of Hope
Gurbakhsh Garcha	Ackroyd Community Association
Harry Powell	Lewisham Sports Consortium
Jackie Addison	LBL Councillor
James Dobson	Lewisham Humanist Group
Mahad Abdullahi	Somali and Somaliland London Community
Martyn Grover	Lewisham Borough Business Against Crime (LBAC)
Oladipo Ayoola	South London Counselling Service
Pastor Tom Irabor	Freedom House Worship Centre
Phil Turner	Second Wave Youth Arts
Richard Holland	Downham Ward Panel
Royston John	NCBI
Tayo Disu	The Tabernacle
Tom Mann	CURV

Deputies from MEMBER ORGANISATIONS (non voting)

Eva Pascal	LEMP (deputy)
R Jackson	Lewisham College (deputy)
Emily Ewhmhojapo	Lewisham Disability Coalition / Ufone (deputy)
Stella Amogbokpa	Lewisham Pensioners Forum (deputy)

Other guests and members of the public (non voting)

Luke Roberts	Restorative Justice Council
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Colin Makasi	Lewisham College
Kai Smith	Lewisham College
Nigel Dhota	Lewisham College
Mosa Iguembor	Lewisham College
Francisco Divers	Lewisham College
Emmanuel Imuere	Stop and Search Group Chair
Sadiki Harris	316 Media
Geoffry Thurley	
H S Levy	
Teddy Gruber	Conisborough College
Gill Lewis	Grove Park Ward Panel
Barrie Neal	Lewisham Council
Cllr Chris Alison	Lewisham Councillor
Cllr Janet Daby	Lewisham Councillor
Sam Dias	Lewisham Strategic Race Equality Officer
Mervyn Kaye	Lewisham Youth Service
Paul Newing	LLHS
David Laurie	Met Police
Barrie Langridge	Resident
Thomas Joseph	Step by Step
Keith Prince	The Tabernacle
Wonu Adelaja	World of Hope
Julienne Madi	World of Hope

1. Welcome from LCPCG Chair, Jackie Addison

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that there was a lot of business to get through. She explained that she was going to slightly alter the order of business, bringing the elections, forward to before the section with the Lewisham Police.

2. Apologies for absence

LCPCG members

Gordon Glean - Lewisham Shopping Centre (Stop and Search group chair); Duwayne Brooks - Lewisham Councillor (Stop and Search group vice chair); Jeremy Burton - Lewisham Police borough commander; Suzanne Wallace - Lewisham Police Supt Partnership; Joanne Hall - Lewisham Central S N Panel; Jean Cawthorn - Lewisham Pensioners Forum; Lakshmi Samarawickreme - Assoc. of Sri Lankans in UK; Eva Stamirowski - Lewisham Councillor; Graham Gaskell - Goldsmiths Student Union; Nico Springman - Ladywell S N Panel; Heidi Alexander - MP; Joan Ruddock - MP; Amina Mangera - LARAG; Trevor Jones - Brockley Working Group; Dith Banbury - Lewisham College; Mrs Ira Fernando - (deputy) Assoc. of Sri Lankans in UK; Rosario Mincher - Lewisham Refugee Network; Siva Pillai - LEMP; Shaun Willshire - Lewisham Police Partnership Team (Stop and Search group member); Gary Madams - Lewisham Police Partnership (Stop and Search group member);

Non members:

Cllr Joan Millbank - Lewisham Councillor; Cllr Susan Wise - Lewisham Councillor; Cllr John Paschoud - Lewisham Councillor; Sir Steve Bullock - Lewisham Directly Elected Mayor; Christine Grice - Lewisham Council, Children and Young People; Carl Reynolds - LAMP; David Ely - Magistrates Association; David Knight - Walthamstow CPEG; Dee

Simmons - Bonus Pastor; Lucy Olofinjana - ACT Lewisham; Noreen Howard; Peter MacDonald - Lewisham Neighbourhood Watch coordinator; Roger Raymond - former LCPCG coordinator; Ruth Willshire - Lewisham Police; Tim Evans - Lewisham Police Response Team (formerly a Stop and Search group member).

3. Screening - LCPCG Stop & Search Film Competition winning entry

As neither Gordon Glean, the Chair of the Stop & Search group, nor Duwayne Brooks, the Vice Chair and lead for the competition project, were able to attend, Tanya Edwards, the manager of Lewisham's Youth Offending Service, and a key member of the group, was able to present this section. The idea behind the film competition was to encourage young people to "Know Your Rights" in relation to Stop and Search. She explained that the winning entry was from a team of students on the Lewisham College media course and Mr Jackson, a lecturer from the course spoke briefly about how the young people had decided to enter and were delighted to have a real life opportunity to use their skills

After viewing the film, Tanya presented students from the team with personal certificates and their joint prize - an iPad. The film was very well received amongst the audience and Colin and Kai from the team took some questions from the audience. They explained how they had researched the theme by speaking to their peers, and had come up with the idea of the PC and young person swapping places to make it easy for young people to relate to. They also discussed some of the practical aspects of making the film, such as borrowing the uniform from Lewisham Police, and that during the filming an observer had actually made a call to the police.

The meeting agreed that it would be good to promote the film further, with Mervyn Kaye of Lewisham Youth Service and Tanya Edwards both agreeing to do this in their areas. Tanya also explained that the Stop and Search Group hoped to use the film themselves when interacting with young people in schools and youth clubs. The LCPCG chair explained that there would be another chance to discuss this topic at the next LCPCG meeting in June – as Stop and Search will be the main theme.

Background on the competition can be viewed on the competition blog site <http://lewishamstopandsearchcompetition.wordpress.com/> - run by Sadiki Harris. The winning film is watchable online <http://vimeo.com/36087600> and also www.youtube.com/watch?v=co1HwctXUBQ

4. Minutes of 2011

The minutes of the 2011 AGM were agreed as an accurate record.

5. Membership Application

NCBI London applied for membership of the LCPCG and their application was recommended by the LCPCG Strategy Group. Royston John of NCBI was present and briefly spoke about their work in training and equalities. Members agreed that NCBI should join the LCPCG.

6. Presentation of LCPCG Annual Report 2011-12

The chair presented the LCPCG Annual Report 2011-12. She noted that this year had been the 25th year for the LCPCG and thought that it was appropriate that the team from Lewisham College had won this prize, as the first chair of the Group, Asquith Gibbes MBE, was from Lewisham College and he had also been responsible for setting up the Stop and Search Group. She referred to the work which the group had achieved through the year, including the extra meetings held after the disturbances in August 2011, and the special meeting for Pensioners in November 2011. Looking forward, the chair explained that both the LCPCG and the police face further cuts in funding and now that the Mayor of London has taken over the duties of the Metropolitan Police Authority, there may be other changes on the horizon. This is why it is extremely important that in 2012 the group pull together.

7. Elections

The positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer were all unopposed.

Daisy Cairns, LCPCG Coordinator took the chair temporarily for the group to vote on the position of Chair. The group were asked to raise their voting slips to indicate assent and by consensus **the LCPCG re-elected Jackie Addison as Chair for the coming year.**

Having been re-elected as chair, Jackie Addison resumed the chairing of the meeting. **Tayo Disu was then re-elected as Vice Chair by consensus for the coming year.**

The Chair explained that James Dobson was not re-standing as Treasurer and thanked him for the efforts he made towards the smooth running of the group. The audience also thanked James for his contributions. **Joanne Hall was then elected by consensus as Treasurer for the coming year.**

The next item for the elections were the community member positions on the Strategy Group. The chair explained that normally there were two positions up for election every year, both with a three year term. This year however Duwayne Brooks had resigned, and so there had been three positions when the nominations were called for. Unfortunately in the last few weeks Tom Mann, who was present tonight, had also decided to step down. Jackie thanked Tom as he had put a great deal of effort into the group, particularly Stop and Search and police statistics at meetings. The audience will know him for 'compering' the December 'Brains Trust' meetings.

This means there are now four candidates standing for the four Strategy Group positions and they were announced as Gordon Glean, Florence Emakpose, David Michael and Phil Turner, and the meeting agreed by consensus to appoint all four to the Strategy Group. There was still the issue of which candidate would have which of the positions, which run to the length of term of the original holder of the post, as per the LCPCG constitution. The chair then asked the members present to vote, in order to assign the different terms of office amongst the candidates. The Chair read from the meeting papers which explained in detail how the election would work, using a ranking of candidates by preference. Officers of Lewisham Council then collected the ballot papers, and withdrew to count the votes.

The Chair announced the results later in the meeting and they were as follows

Phil Turner	Strategy Group Member - 3 year term
David Michael	Strategy Group Member - 3 year term
Gordon Glean	Strategy Group Member - 2 year term

8. Remarks from Borough Police

The borough commander, Chief Superintendent Jeremy Burton was unable to attend at short notice, but the meeting was pleased to welcome Superintendent Mickey Gallagher. He explained that he had grown in the borough, but had only joined the Lewisham Police management team in the last few months, as a replacement for Supt Lisa Crook.

Supt Gallagher gave a power point presentation which showed monthly changes over 2 years for the following types of crime: Personal Robbery, Residential Burglary, Knife Crime Offences, Serious Youth Violence, Domestic Offences, Racially & Religiously Aggravated Offences and Motor Vehicle Crime Offences and discussed in detail just part of the work being done by local police in each of these areas. Stop and Search was also discussed in follow-up to the earlier film screening. Supt Gallagher took questions from the audience throughout his presentation, including from Thomas Joseph, Sadiki Harris, Gurbaksh Garcha, Anthony Scully, Royston John, Phil Turner and others who did not give their names.

9. Remarks from Lewisham Crime Reduction Service

Gary Connors, Community Safety Service Manager spoke to the meeting, as the Head of Crime Reduction Services, Geeta Subramaniam, was on maternity leave. Gary explained that he was losing his voice and would be brief. He discussed the recent inspection of Lewisham Youth Offending Service which came 4th out of all the London boroughs. Noted that Domestic Violence has reduced massively in the last 5 years, due to partnership work such as the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC), and specialist Magistrate Court sessions for Domestic Violence. Third party reporting sites have been set up for Hate crime although there is still some work to do publicising these. The Neighbourhood Community Safety Service has done a lot of work around Anti Social Behaviour.

Finally Gary noted that earlier today the Safer Lewisham Partnership Board had set their annual priorities, which were consulted on at the last LCPCG meeting. The priority areas will be Knife Crime; Tackling Anti Social Behaviour; Domestic Violence and Violence against Girls; and Managing Offenders in the Community.

Gary Connors then took questions from the audience including Sam Dias, (the newly appointed Strategic Race Equalities officer), Tom Mann of CURV and Thomas Joseph, on young people and crime, how priorities translate into changes to policing, and what can be learnt from ex-offenders.

The Safer Lewisham Plan for 2012-13 can be viewed online at

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s11684/Safer%20Lewisham%20Plan%202012-13.pdf>

10. Luke Roberts - Keynote Speaker

Before introducing the speaker, the chair announced the result of the Strategy Group elections detailed above. She then introduced Luke Roberts, who has worked across

London in a range of roles using and training others to use Restorative Justice. He has delivered workshops and presentations at numerous national conferences and joined the Board of Trustees of the Restorative Justice Council in 2009.

Luke started his presentation by discussing a recent radio programme in which a parent of a murdered teenage stab victim had met the gang who had killed their son, and the reactions of the offenders, who hadn't considered what the effects of their actions would be on victims, including family. Through out the session he regularly asked the audience to volunteer their ideas and to discuss with their neighbours on subjects such as what are the positive things which society wants such as love, trust and peace, and who owns crime? He put forward that the way the criminal justice system works means that crime is committed against 'The Crown' and the individuals involved victims become part of the legal mechanisms rather than the centre of the process.

He discussed the wide use of restorative type approaches in traditional societies, such as the Maoris in New Zealand and the origins of the Restorative Justice movement in non-traditional societies from the 1970's onwards. The group discussed the differences between the shame of stigmatisation, in which the community places the blame on the offender, and the shame of remorse, where the perpetrator acknowledges both their own shame and that there is a need to make amends. Another discussion was around "If you had been harmed what would you need?" Responses covered the need to be listened to and believed, to understand why, what help victims should get, if the harm was deliberate, and who was to blame, revenge. The alternative - the needs of the 'harmer' were also discussed: including forgiveness, understanding, reparation and time to reflect.

Luke also talked about the different settings in which Restorative Justice is used, such as schools, resolving peer group problems and bullying, for ASB and neighbourhood disputes, in the management of youth crime, with social and CJS services deal with family issues.

The group continued to discuss various issues arising from the presentation, including stigmatisation of young people, community role models, social conditioning affecting willingness to apologise, transparency and more. All who spoke or asked questions were extremely complimentary about Luke's presentation and style, one audience member said it was the best LCPCG meeting they had ever been to.

11. Any Other Business

No other business was raised

12. Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked all the speakers and the audience for coming and invited them to join for tea and coffee in the foyer outside. The meeting closed at 9.45 pm