



LEWISHAM COMMUNITY POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP



The LCPCG are hosting elections
at their public meeting on 4 March 2014 for the

LEWISHAM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

Six “Community Board Member” positions available

LCPCG have ensured that there will be democratically elected places on the new Board – these will be known as the “Community Board Members” to distinguish them from the other positions, although most of those will also be filled from the local community.

There are 6 Community Board Member places available at this first election. They will have either a 1, 2, or 3 year length of term, depending on the voting.

We have written a role description for Board Members so applicants could know what is expected of the position, and we will all be clear what their responsibilities are to the Board. Further information can also be found in the Draft Terms of Reference and Draft Code of Conduct for the Safer Neighbourhood Board.

Who can vote?

It is not LCPCG’s own election and so there is a slightly different set of people who are entitled to vote. This set of people is known as the Register of Affiliated Groups for the Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board. All the founding names on this Register have transferred over from the LCPCG’s own membership. The Register was closed temporarily on 18 Feb for 2 weeks, but it will be reopened after the election when anyone representing a local group will be able to join.

Every person whose name is on the Register is entitled to a vote. It is possible to send another person to vote on your behalf but advance notice must be sent from the person who is on the Register and it must arrive at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting.

Who are the candidates?

There are 11 candidates who would like your vote in this election. All 11 are on the Register and have been confirmed as eligible to stand.

Name on Nomination	Representing...
Mr Bryan Arthur Pope	Tyrwhitt Road Neighbourhood Watch
David MICHAEL	Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust
Florence Emakpose	World Of Hope
Chief Gilbert Oshevire	African Welfare Organisation
Gordon Glean	Land Securities / Lewisham Shopping Centre
Jackie Addison	Walk In Space
Joseph Oladosu	Action for Community Development
Phil Turner	Second Wave
Miss Poonam Mahadik	Family Services UK
Royston John	NCBI London
Siva Pillai	LEMP

Further information about Candidates

All the candidates were asked to submit a short statement of up to 200 words with their self-nominations which are shown on the following pages. They are in the same alphabetical order as listed above.

Mr Bryan Arthur Pope

I am the founder of Tyrwhitt Road Neighbourhood Watch and have been in that role for 5 years now. I am a disabled person and am keen to ensure all people are represented and included.

Many of our groups, organisations and committees are not representative and do not include people with visible disabilities. I would like to see that change.

I currently sit on Equaliteam in Lewisham; Director of Lewisham Disabled Coalition; Chair of Brockley Residents Housing Board (Pinnacle); Director of Lewisham Tenants Fund.

I want all people to treat each other with respect love and value and to live in a community with harmony. I have 40 year's experience.

David MICHAEL

I am presently a member of Lewisham CPCG Strategy Group and have been working on the transition from a Community Police Consultative Group to a Safer Neighbourhood Board with colleagues on the Group. This has included representation and participation on the London Policing Communities Partnership and the Mayors Office for Policing and Crime.

I have the knowledge, experience, skills and expertise to be an efficient and effective Board member and to bring added value to the team, fully appreciating my responsibilities and obligations.

I have been resident in Lewisham for 40 years. I am a retired Detective Chief Inspector. I served in the Metropolitan Police for 30 years, twice serving in Lewisham as a Police Constable and Detective Sergeant.

I represent the Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust, a charity that provides shelter, pastoral care and educational support for homeless young women in the borough. I am also a Board member of Millwall for All Community Trust.

I was Vice Chair of Lewisham CPCG under the Chairmanship of the late Asquith Gibbes and Chair of the Group from 2004 – 2009.

I would appreciate your vote so we can continue building on the work of Lewisham CPCG under the new arrangements.

Florence Emakpose

Florence Emakpose, a founder and CEO of World of Hope. An organisation that provides various support to young people aged 5-21 and their families. Our aim is to reduce youth crime. For more details: www.worldofhope.org.uk

I have 2 years of good experience in responding to Community crisis and representing the LCPCG. On 2 occasions I was appointed to attend briefing meetings at the New Scotland Yard as a means of consultation on achieving a peaceful Notting Hill Carnival. I have represented LCPCG at New Scotland Yard to be a voice to Lewisham community about the riot that occurred in August 2011.

I have excellent record of LCPCG and community meeting where I have to assist the Coordinator to promote the excellent work of LCPCG. Due to the recognition of my excellent record, I was invited to write foreword in LCPCG 2011/12 annual report.

My excellent work has also been recognised by the Commissioner of Police and Mr. Gordon Brown, former Prime Minister at No.10 Downing Street in 2009.

This is another opportunity to continue making the different as I'm needed with my organisational and leadership skills with passion and commitment in order to promote safety in Lewisham Borough.

Many thanks

Chief Gilbert Oshevire

I am Chief Gilbert Oshevire. A retired Senior Nursing officer who offered professional nursing services in most of the NHS hospitals in London for more than 45 years before I retired honourably from active service. In 1973 I was a member of Race Relation Board in the London Borough of Lewisham resolving the problem of Race Inequality. Following this, I joined Lewisham Community Police Consultative Group. And I have for more than 15 years, an active member, helping police in dealing and reducing crime in our words of mouth in discussions and actions. One example of this is the project of gun and knife crime project that I headed successfully in year 2010, at Stephen Laurence Centre in Deptford, London SE8.

And I am proud to say, that since then, there has been a tremendous drop in incident of knife and gun crime in the Borough of Lewisham. And this free self-sacrifice service in our neighbourhoods continues.

Gordon Glean

Gordon Glean has worked for Lewisham Shopping for 20 years as the Centre's Security Manager. As part of the Shopping centres policy on Social & Corporate Responsibilities Gordon has worked with a number of local community groups such as: Race Equality Councils, Victim Support, Independent Advisory Group, Schools and CPCG for over 18 years. He has assisted in dealing with a broad selection of issues in Lewisham working closely with the Lewisham police senior management team, advising on community concerns.

Considered by the Metropolitan Police Authority and the Metropolitan Police Service as being one of the best in London, Gordon stood down as Chair of the Stop & Search / Account Scrutiny group for the CPCG in Lewisham after 10 years in 2012. He was also involved in the central Stop & Search group in Scotland Yard and the MPA's Community Monitoring Network. Gordon was invited by the MPS to deliver a presentation on community/police engagement to all 32 borough commanders, as part of the MPS STOP IT initiative, reflecting the work of the Lewisham Stop & Search Scrutiny Group. He is currently involved in the central Trident IAG at Scotland Yard and caretaker Chairperson for the local IAG.

Jackie Addison

I am seeking election to the Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board because I believe I can bring the relevant and necessary skills and experience to help it succeed. As LCPCG Chair I made sure that the LCPCG was involved from the very beginning in the process around setting up the Lewisham Board. The LCPCG have expertise in Community Police Engagement and I saw that this was made central to the new board's aims.

It is hard to set up a voluntary organisation from scratch. The most successful organisations are those that are set up by people to fulfil a perceived and shared need. Many struggle or fail if the people involved do not feel a sense of shared purpose. Together with key partners, we have developed a board structure tailor-made to Lewisham needs and its residents expectations.

However, all the structures and documentation in the world mean nothing unless the people involved are committed to it and have ownership of the development process. We have time to learn how to work together and turn this board into an effective organisation that represents all our communities' views and works to make Lewisham an even safer place to live.

Joseph Oladosu

No statement was provided

Phil Turner

I am committed to:

- Lewisham's priorities for neighbourhood safety, crime prevention and fair methods of policing;
- more effective collaboration between the police and the communities they serve (based on integrity, accountability and mutual respect);
- clear understanding of the difficulties and uncertainties faced in strengthening community engagement.

I will support flexible partnership work which builds continuity, consistency and intelligent methods of policing. Ten years' involvement in LCPCG has increased my knowledge of:

- the far-reaching impact of Hate Crime on issues of social cohesion;
- the fair and responsive deployment of police powers, including the proper use of Stop and Search;
- how to improve interaction and communication between young people, the police and the wider Lewisham community;
- how to improve police training and address critical questions of trust which underpin law enforcement procedures.

Negotiating the transition to the new Board will involve the skills and local insights of experienced people who share a coherent sense of direction. This demands honest and open debate in addressing persistent difficulties, identifying collective responsibilities and achieving solidarity of purpose. I welcome the opportunity to contribute my own efforts and experience to this process.

Miss Poonam Mahadik

Following are the reasons why you should vote for me:

- Extensive knowledge of the working of policing (BSc Hons in Crime and Criminology – an external point of view, as an academic which is unbiased and not influenced by personal agenda).
- Innate ability to understand and communicate with community members freely and the core urge to improve the society for its betterment.
- Absolute devotion to the job and the belief that every individual has the right to voice his/her opinion/s.

The things I would bring to the board are:

- my valuable experience gained while working in volunteer sector for the people of Lewisham,
- skills to critically analyse: derived from my education
- the excellent skill to mediate.

The first and foremost aspect I would work on if elected is to improve transparency between police and public and reduce complexity as complexity is the enemy of transparency. The reason being there are areas of police work which are unknown to the general public such as situational uncertainty, rigid internal working structure, crises between crime fighting or crime prevention role etc, which the general public should be made aware of to make an informed decision in relation to policing.

Royston John

I have been Vice-Chair of LCPCG for the last year and have undertaken that role with care and compassion for the people of Lewisham. I believe I have carried out the role of representative and ambassador in exemplary fashion and that the people of Lewisham would be proud of my contribution whether at the Civic Suites, Lewisham Police Station, New Scotland Yard or in a community meeting.

I am very skilled at supporting and enabling people and would like to continue doing so on the SNB. I understand how the machinery of public sector operates and, as the Chief Executive Officer of NCBI London have worked with over 350 organisations and over 20,000 people in groups and on a one to one basis.

I am a strong advocate for partnership working and believe more can be achieved by pooling our collective resources as organisations, communities and people of Lewisham. I would be willing to continue in service on the new Safer Neighbourhood Board.

Siva Pillai

I want to secure a place on the Board in order to represent Lewisham Ethnic Minority Partnership (LEMP). LEMP has played and continues to play an important part in seeking to be a collective 'voice' for marginalised BME community groups in the borough. Members of the public consult us on issues that are of relevance to their race and ethnicity as Lewisham residents. We are able to advocate on their behalf and thus it is essential that we represent their views and aspirations on the Board and be in a position to relay back responses through a variety of means including networking events.

I am the Chair of LEMP and bring to the organisation a lifetime commitment to promoting education both in my professional life and in a voluntary capacity.

As a Community Board Member I will be in a position to raise questions on behalf of the BME communities that we serve and contribute meaningfully to the Board's Agenda.

You have reached the end of the Candidates election statements.