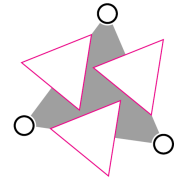


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LEWISHAM COMMUNITY POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP

Working for a safer Lewisham for all



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 26 March 2013 at 7.00 pm

Council Chamber, Civic Suite, Lewisham Town Hall, London SE6 4RU

MINUTES

PRESENT and representing LCPCG MEMBER ORGANISATIONS:

CLlr Jackie Addison	Lewisham Council (Chair)
Royston John	NCBI London (Vice Chair)
Tayo Disu	The Tabernacle (LCPCG Hate Crime Group Chair)
Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney	Lewisham Council Crime Reduction Service (speaker and temporary Chair)
Chief Supt Russell Nyman	Lewisham Police, MPS (speaker)
LBL Cabinet Member for Youth	Crada Onuegbu
LBL Councillor	David Britton
Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust	David Michael
LEMP (Lewisham Ethnic Minority Partnership)	Elsa Pascal (nominated deputy)
PYE Project	Emmanuel Imuere
World Of Hope	Florence Emakpose
African Welfare Organisation	Gilbert Oshevire
Lewisham Shopping Centre Management	Gordon Glean
Ackroyd Community Association	Gurbakhsh Garcha
Lewisham Sports Consortium	Harry Powell
South East London Humanists	James Dobson
Lewisham Pensioners Forum	Jean Cawthorn
Lewisham Central Ward Panel	Joanne Hall
Lewisham Disability Forum	John Paschoud
Rushey Green Ward Panel	Laurel Saunders
Lewisham Asian Association	Man Mohan
LBL Councillor	Marion Nisbett
MOPAC BIE Officer	Michael Taylor
Ladywell Ward Panel	Nicholas Springman
LBL Councillor (Chair of Council)	Obajimi Adefiranye
South London Counselling Service	Oladipo Ayoola
Second Wave Youth Arts	Phil Turner
Downham Ward Panel	Richard Holland
Deptford Sector Working Group	Shelagh Fitzpatrick
World Of Hope	Florence Emakpose
African Welfare Organisation	Gilbert Oshevire
R Jackson	Lewisham College (not voting)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amanda Osei-Bramaih,	PLFC Young Citizens (speaker)
Camilla Yahaya	PLFC Young Citizens (speaker)

Alice Schweigert	PLFC Young Citizens (speaker)
Simon Jones	PLFC
Daisy Cairns	LCPCG Coordinator (minutes)
Maxine Williams	
Bryan Pope	
Ken Hulbert	
Gary Connors	LBL
Joanna Bish	LBL
Delroy Downer	LBL
Konu Adelaof	World of Hope
Geoffrey Thurley	
Errol Christie	
Ruth Willshire	Met Police
Shaun Willshire	Met Police(retired)
Emakpose Margret	World of Hope
Keith Irvine	
Jenni Steele	Chair of Lewisham PAG
Thomas Joseph	Step by Step
Mandy Richards	Labour Party

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1.	<p>Introduction from LCPCG Chair LCPCG Chair, Jackie Addison welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that the plans from MOPAC mean that this will probably be the last AGM of the LCPCG.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for absence Members: Martyn Grover, Cllr Janet Daby, Sam Popely, Trevor Jones, Heidi Alexander MP, Joe Burchell, Graham Gaskell, Heidi Spiers.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of 2012 AGM Minutes from the 2012 AGM were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
4.	<p>Membership Applications Membership applications were received from Catford Synagogue and from PYE Project. The LCPCG members present unanimously approved both applications and so both organisations became formal members of the LCPCG.</p>	
5.	<p>Constitutional Amendments The constitutional amendments as proposed by Strategy Group were noted. Royston John proposed one further minor amendment, to remove the second use of "and" in the second sentence of paragraph number 6. This sentence now to read "Nomination forms and personal supporting statements must be received by the co-ordinator 28 days before the meeting." Subject to this minor change, the proposed amendments were agreed. The new version of the LCPCG constitution was uploaded to the LCPCG webpage. http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/LCPCG</p>	
6.	<p>Young Citizens - Prendergast Ladywell Fields College The Chair introduced three young women from the Young Citizens group at Prendergast Ladywell Fields College: Amanda Osei-Bramaih, Camilla Yahaya and Alice Schweigert who first spoke at an LCPCG meeting three years ago when they were 13 years old.</p>	

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	<p>The speakers gave the meeting an over view of their campaigning work over the last 3 years. The aim of the Young Citizens group was to find ways in which young people could become actively involved in their community, be taken seriously, and become a positive force for change. The group has grown from three to over 200 – they have spoken in City Hall, visited Downing Street, and presented to audiences of thousands. Their community work has even taken them to the US, to Florida, Baltimore and the White House. Their campaigns have been covered extensively by local and national press and television.</p> <p>They described the non-glamorous side too, phone calls, emails, and letters. The speech writing, rehearsals, planning, and the waiting. The late buses, rain, angry parents, disappointments, failures, the criticism. A key turning point was being asked to speak to the LCPCG in 2010. The reception by the audience was positive but with constructive questioning and some very strong criticism. They felt it was the first they had not been listened to as children, but were judged by what they said rather than who was saying it.</p> <p>The experiences have taught them that community together, are stronger, better and braver and that their community is mostly full of people who are good and kind who want the same things - safer streets, happy lives, opportunities to do well, opportunities to help others. They discussed their long involvement with the Safe Haven campaign started in memory of Jimmy Mizen. Together with London Citizens and the Mizen family they have signed up Lewisham 15 primary schools have signed up to work with shops on the Safe Havens campaign. Over 200 local shops have been signed up as Safe Havens as well as Lewisham Town Hall and Lewisham Shopping Centre.</p> <p>The previous week they brought together the LCPCG, Police, Council, youth groups and every secondary school in Lewisham for the Launch of the "10,000 Hands Making Lewisham City Safe". The intention is to take the City Safe Haven campaign to every High Street in the Borough of Lewisham; with a series of further events at Millwall Football Club, City Hall, Downing Street and a joint event across the school sites, with pupils forming huge letters to be seen from the air by Police Helicopter, literally spelling out the City Safe Message across Lewisham.</p> <p>They thanked everyone for help and support over the last three years. In particular the LCPCG for giving us our first chance, and for moral and financial support with the 10,000 Hands event. At the end of their presentation they returned to the one person who had asked a dismissive question at their first LCPCG meeting, and who had also turned up at their 10,000 Hands launch the previous week. They wanted to respond to his question about the launch. His question was <i>"You don't actually think you are changing anything with this do you?"</i> The response was <i>"actually yes I do, bringing together every pupil in Lewisham Borough, over 15,000 pupils to talk about street safety, to raise the awareness of knife crime, to build stronger and better local communities around the high street. Yes that is doing something. Will it end knife crime, will it end the deaths of young people on our streets- no of course not. BUT it will reduce them. No one can promise to end knife crime - not even you. Posting shocking pictures on twitter and then promising to end knife crime if you are elected Mayor is not doing anything other than disrespecting a victim and a family."</i></p> <p>Amanda, Camilla and Alice then took questions (and a lot of compliments) from the audience. Their responses covered the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Young Citizens group are now a voice for young people who don't have a voice, and showing them what is possible. • The group has opened a youth club, which although not officially a SafeHaven is 	

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	<p>visited regularly by local police.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have seen a really positive response to the Safe Havens from businesses e.g. improvement in attitude of shopkeepers to young people. • The older members have been training up the younger ones who will be taking over the group as they move on to 6th form. • Audience members invited them to become involved with visits to youth clubs and work with Council Community Safety officers and more. • A questioner pointed out that it is mostly young men who are involved with knife crime, and they explained that there are plenty of young men in the group. Also they pointed out that girls do have influence on their male peers. <p>In response to a questioner Geeta stated that this was an invaluable campaign as statutory agencies cannot reach out to young people in the same way that other young people can. Russell Nyman told the meeting that he had made a personal visit to their school at the request of the Young Citizens and had come away with a long list of actions they required from local police.</p> <p>Finally Camilla thanked the audience for their time and asked them to add their hand prints to the 10,000, which many had been doing before the meeting opened.</p>	
7.	<p>Presentation of LCPCG Annual Report</p> <p>The Chair presented the report and briefly highlighted three special areas that the group has worked on this year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The meeting for Pensioners in November, “Stopping the Scammers” including a very well received performance from a local Theatre’s pensioners group acting out common scams which target the elderly and vulnerable. 2) The Stop & Search Scrutiny group have both a new Chair Emmanuel and Vice Chair Sadiki who have worked hard to develop a website for the group and put on a community event in February at the Moonshot Centre in New Cross. 3) All day conference for Lewisham secondary school pupils. 12 workshops including Release the Peace and St Johns Ambulance, Second Wave, Stop and Search, The Haven (sexual assault referral centre) which also touched on cyber-bullying and from London Citizens a series of CitySafe walks to local shops. There were also 25 stalls from local groups offering positive activities for young people. Young people were involved right from the planning stages through to MC’ing on the day. <p>David Michael proposed that the group formally approve the Annual Report and David Britton seconded the proposal. The group duly approved the Annual Report.</p> <p>The Chair also thanked former Chief Inspector Shaun Willshire, who had recently retired from Lewisham Police and had been invited tonight. She highlighted the work that he had done in the community and particularly during the riots in August 2011 when he played a key role, with Duwayne Brooks, of tackling rumours about of English Defence League. Also she had heard that during the worst period for Lewisham, when there was no transport for police officers he single-handedly requisitioned a Bus to get them to where they were needed. Shaun was presented with a gift and gave a short speech thanking the people that he had worked with, especially the Young Citizens, Gordon Glean, and the LCPCG.</p>	
8.	<p>Elections</p> <p>For this section of the meeting, the Chair was taken by Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney, Head of Lewisham Council Crime Reduction Services.</p> <p>There were two alterations from the list of candidates which had been previously</p>	

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	<p>distributed to members. Royston John voluntarily withdrew from Strategy Group position due to his candidacy for the Vice Chair election being unopposed. Duwayne Brooks was withdrawn because he was not a member of the LCPCG on the date of the election and so was no longer eligible (para 5 of the LCPCG constitution states that only LCPCG members are able to stand in the elections). He had been deselected by his own organisation, Lewisham Council, at their AGM on 20th March when his fellow councillors chose not to reappoint him to the LCPCG.</p> <p>Members voted for the Chair by secret ballot and the papers were collected by staff from Lewisham’s Governance Support team, and counted by Derek Johnson, Lewisham’s Civic and Business Manager in front of the audience.</p> <p>The results of the elections were as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chair (for coming year) – Jackie Addison Voting was as follows: Jackie Addison 14 votes – duly elected Tayo Disu 7 votes David Michael 6 votes</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Vice Chair (for coming year) - Royston John Unopposed and elected by consensus</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Treasurer (for coming year)- Joanne Hall Unopposed and elected by consensus</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Strategy Group (2 positions each for a 3 year term) – Florence Emakpose and Martyn Grover Unopposed, both candidates were duly elected by consensus of the members present.</p> <p>On election the new Vice Chair, Royston made a point of thanking Tayo Disu, the outgoing vice chair, for all her work on behalf of the LCPCG. The returning Chair Jackie Addison thanked the audience and said she was “gobsmacked” to have come first.</p>	
9.	<p>Remarks from Borough Commander</p> <p>The Lewisham Police Borough Commander, Chief Superintendent Russell Nyman made some remarks about the changes to policing over the last few years with an emphasis on policing by consent. He explained that in the next few days a new system called the “local policing Model” would begin in several Boroughs and this would be going live in Lewisham in October. He referred to the crime statistics and stated that overall offence numbers have reduced, detections have increase. There have been challenges in burglary and domestic violence but improvements in youth crime and knife crime.</p>	
10.	<p>Remarks from Lewisham Crime Reduction Service</p> <p>Lewisham Council’s Head of Crime Reduction and Supporting People, Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney informed the meeting that one of the biggest changes to criminal justice and policing has come from the London Mayor’s Office (MOPAC) who released a plan yesterday. The idea is to reduce crime by 20% reduce costs by 20% and increase the public confidence in police by 20%. ACTION Geeta offered to distribute these details via the Coordinator.</p> <p>The Council had undertaken another Crime Survey which she thanked everyone for taking part in, particularly those who had made the extra effort to make comments or taken part in the recent LCPCG priority discussion event.</p> <p>In the coming year the Safer Lewisham Partnership are likely to be prioritising Serious Youth Violence, Violence against Women and Girls and Support for Victims of Crime including Anti Social Behaviour as well as work to stop the cycle of Reoffending.</p> <p>ACTION Geeta offered to distribute the draft Action Plan via the Coordinator and</p>	<p>Geeta SM</p> <p>Geeta SM</p>

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	invited comments from the group.	
	<p>Questions from the audience were then taken jointly by Russell and Geeta but are set out separately below:</p> <p>Russell clarified that there should be an increase in “bobbies on the beat but it will take some time to put all the officers in place. There will no longer be one sergeant focussed on each ward. In response to a comment about unacceptable officer behaviour Russell acknowledged that there is still bad practice out there but that his management are very strong on tackling this and urged people to make complaints so that issues could be followed through formally by officers. He reassured the audience that there is a robust disciplinary system in place and noted that just today an officer from Lewisham was suspended from duty. ACTION Royston asked for this type of information to be routinely (but anonymously) reported to LCPCG meetings and Russell noted that this is published online anonymously, but that boroughs are also anonymised.</p> <p>Geeta noted that LBBAC are doing very important work coordinating with radios and networks to reduce retail crime. The Council are putting special programmes for young people suffering from long term unemployment for example apprenticeships, support from JobCentre Plus, workshops on setting up small businesses. Also there has been a very successful initiative on preventing youth re-offending with a 0% reoffending rate.</p> <p>Audience members noted that it is important for this good work to be publicised and the Chair noted that there has been in the past a reluctance to publicise good work.</p>	Russell N
11.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No other business was raised and the meeting finished at 9pm.</p>	