



Bellingham Local Assembly

Monday 11 November 2013 7pm – 9pm

**Bellingham Gateway Youth and Community Centre,
185 Brookehowse Road, SE6 3TT**

Summary of Meeting

1.0 Introduction

Cllr Alan Hall welcomed everyone to the assembly and explained that the main purpose of the meeting was to allocate the £15,000 Bellingham Assembly Fund. This will be decided by a vote using a scoring system, each project will be scored individually out of 10 and then the officers will count the votes..

2.0 The Bellingham Assembly Fund proposals

There were 12 proposals in total and each applicant was asked to provide a 3 minute presentation on their project.

Proposal 1 – Supplementary Education for Young People
Delivery Organisation – African Planning Project
Assembly Priority addressed – Children and Young People Amount applied for £2,000

Proposal 2 – Gym improvements and Outreach sessions
Delivery Organisation – Palmers Boxing Academy
Assembly Priority addressed – Children and Young People Amount applied for £2,000

Proposal 3 – Little Rascals
Delivery Organisation – Bellingham Community Project
Assembly Priority addressed – Children and Young People Amount applied for £1,220

Proposal 4 – Bellingham Be Active
Delivery Organisation – Sage Educational Trust
Assembly Priority addressed – Children and Young People Amount applied for £1,942

Proposal 5 – Day Trip for Older People
Delivery Organisation – Young at Heart Club
Assembly Priority addressed – Older People's Issues Amount applied for £500

Proposal 6 – To raise money for the purchase of specialist bicycles for children with mobility disabilities and wheelchair users
Delivery Organisation – Watergate School PSFA
Assembly Priority addressed – Children and Young People Amount applied for £2,000

Proposal 7 – Bellingham Community Festival
Delivery Organisation – Bellingham Community Project
Assembly Priority addressed – Community events and festivals and the Promotion and development of the Bellingham community Amount applied for £1,592

Proposal 8 – Home Park Arts in the Park Family Fun Day
Delivery Organisation – Friends of Home Park
Assembly Priority addressed – Children and young people / Older people's issues / community events & festivals / the promotion and development of Bellingham community. Amount applied for £1,500

Proposal 9 – Develop and Keep up the Good Work
Delivery Organisation – 8th Lewisham South Scout Group
Assembly Priority addressed – Children and Young People Amount applied for £1,503.75

Proposal 10 – Bellingham Time to Live Well
Delivery Organisation – Rushey Green Timebank
Assembly Priority addressed – Children and young people / Community events and festivals / The promotion and development of Bellingham as a community. Amount applied for £1,067

Proposal 11 – Music and stories for under fives
Delivery Organisation – Sydenham Community Library
Assembly Priority addressed – Children and young people Amount applied for £450

Proposal 12– Bellingham Golden Oldies Annual Christmas Party
Delivery Organisation – Bellingham Community Project
Assembly Priority addressed – Community events and festivals / Promotion and development of the Bellingham community / Older People's issues Amount applied for £490

For a full copy of any of these proposals contact Paul Gale on 020 8314 3387 or email paul.gale@lewisham.gov.uk

3.0 Introducing the Bellingham Gateway Youth and Community Centre

Aminata Swaray a Senior Youth Worker from the Bellingham Gateway Youth and Community Centre introduced a video made by young people from the Centre aged 13-15. It was called 'Inhale / Exhale' and it is part of an anti-smoking campaign.

After the video which was very warmly received Aminata told the assembly about the centre which is open for young people aged 8 – 19 years and

aged up to 25 years for special educational needs (SEN). The centre provides provision 5 days per week and has face to face provision 3 days per week. On Wednesday's there is the 'Beam' girl's group, there is a NEET project and the Centre also houses Cubs, Scouts and Beavers. Adults can also use the Centre and there is an indoor Bowls club. The building can be hired and fees are negotiable with discounts available for local groups and non-profit making organisations. Young People can just turn-up with no subscription fees.

4.0 Smoke Free Homes

Laura Beach from Public Health told the Assembly that they have produced a flyer advocating the benefits of smoking outside the home. The benefits include:

- Sweeter Smelling Homes
- Healthier Children
- Happier Pets
- Happier and Healthier visitors
- Reduces fire risk

Saves £ on decorating

5.0 Community updates

Better Start Lewisham Village – Penny Phillips from Voluntary Action Lewisham told the meeting that we all want the best for children and we believe that doing the best for children is hard work and that it takes parents, the wider family, and community to come together to help make the hard work easier.

We are asking the big lottery for a lot of money (£30 - £50 million) and we need your help to get it.

The funding is called Better Start: Fulfilling Lives and if we are successful it will bring in money for 8-10 years.

We have to ask the big lottery for the money by the 28 February 2014 and we need your help with deciding how and where to spend it.

We want to change the system so that it actually works for you, this is the support and care when you are thinking about having a baby, when you are pregnant / starting family life.

We need your help now to know:

- what would have or could have made life easier for you when you were pregnant?
- What would have made your life easier when you were a new parent?
- What do you know now, you wish you knew before?
- What is a daily/life struggle?

We will use what you tell us to – inform our bid development and be creative about connecting your ideas with big lottery rules, share your ideas to other relevant areas like local ward assemblies, other correct council team or health.

Contact us: Penny@valewisham.org.uk 020 8314 9411

For more information or background resources check out:

<http://betterstart.dartington.org.uk/>
<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/betterstart>

Raymond Singh from Christ Church United Reformed Church told the assembly the following information:

- Christ Church at 90: The Big Birthday The weekend of 12-13th October was set aside for the anniversary of Christ Church, to celebrate 90 years of community life and service. Refreshments were available all day Saturday, while there were workshops for dance, poetry and singing at various times. Sunday saw a service of re-dedication and a community feast for more than 100 people. It was a joyful time with many old friends making the journey to Bellingham to join the party. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make it a success.....roll on 100!!
- Christmas Day Dinner: Organised by Churches Together in Bellingham, this community event was restarted in 2008. It will be hosted by Christ Church in 2013. 1pm – 4pm. It's free. Book your place with Fiona Thomas. Transport can be arranged.
- Monday Lunch Club: At Christ Church, from 11.00, for people over 55. Run by "Bellingham Ageing Well". All welcome. Transport offered.

6.0 Results of the Vote

There were 65 Votes in total, the following projects will receive the full funding that they applied for:

- Day Trip for Older People – Young at Heart
- Golden Oldies Xmas Party - Bellingham Community Project
- Purchase of specialist bicycles for – Watergate School
- Develop and Keep up the Good Work - 8th Lewisham South Scout Group
- Bellingham Community Festival - Bellingham Community Project
- Little Rascals – Bellingham Community Project
- Bellingham Be Active – Sage Educational Trust
- Home Park Arts in the Park Family Fun Day – Friends of Home Park
- Gym improvements and Outreach sessions – Palmers Boxing Academy
- Music and stories for under fives - Sydenham Community Library
- Bellingham Time to Live Well - Rushey Green Timebank

The remaining £735 will go to Proposal 1, Supplementary Education for Young People African Family Project.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9pm. The next Bellingham Assembly will be on Thursday 27 March 2014, the venue is yet to be decided.

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.