

MINUTES OF THE FOREST HILL ASSEMBLY

Sunday, 23 November 2014 at 1.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Peter Bernards, Maja Hilton and Paul Upex

29. Welcome from the Chair- Cllr Paul Upex

Cllr Paul Upex, Chair of the Forest Hill Assembly welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then introduced Cllr Peter Bernards and Cllr Maja Hilton and told the assembly that the main purpose of the meeting was to decide which projects to fund from the Forest Hill Assembly Fund.

30. Forest Hill Assembly Fund Market Place event with voting

The following projects were bidding for a share of the £12,500 Forest Hill Assembly Fund. Attendees were encouraged to visit each project and find out more about the proposal. They were then asked to mark each proposal out of 10, with 10 being the maximum mark.

FH01	Friends of Albion Millennium Green	£2,475
FH02	Therapeutic Art @ Platform 1	£2,500
FH03	Re-Connect @ Platform 1	£2,500
FH04	SAF-Sydenham Arts Festival	£2,438
FH05	CRI	£2,500
FH06	DOOPODOOPO ART HUB AND GALLERY CIC	£1,120
FH07	FHSociety	£700
FH08	FHSociety Christmas	1,500.00
FH09	FHSociety O/B Friends Devonshire Road Nature Reserve	1,600.00
FH10	Friends Devonshire Road Nature Reserve	800.00
FH11	ForYouthSake	2,140.00
FH12	FHSociety Quetta	600.00
FH13	Amy Lord Takeaway	2,500.00
	Total	£23,373

For more details about the proposals please contact Maya Onyett
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31. Police SNT update

PC Michael Hill provided the following written update:
At the last meeting, several points were raised, these being;

- Speeding Vehicle on Sydenham Hill/Rise
- A cash for cars vehicle left on Sydenham Hill
- Fly tipping on Tyson Road

In response to this points;

- I have personally spoken to members of the public regarding this having received several complaints directly to the teams inbox. In response to this I and my colleagues have conducted speed awareness days at these locations using our Unipar Laser speed detection device (speed gun).
- The Cash For Cars vehicle was not found by my colleagues when on patrol in this area.
- The council have been contacted regarding fly tipping. Whilst on patrol we haven't noticed any evidence of fly tipping in Tyson Road though if anyone is caught they will be dealt with as robustly as possible, so should this be witnessed we ask that registration numbers of offending vehicles and/or descriptions of driver to be taken and passed for my attention..

We still need as many residents of Forest Hill to sign up to our community contacts list.

We have also executed a couple of drugs warrants on the cluster, resulting in several arrests and the seizure of large quantities of mature Cannabis plants and hydroponics equipment.

Several officers from Forest Hill and Perry Vale were conducting reassurance patrols on Sydenham Hill Estate and discovered a Cannabis Factory. The tenant was arrested and again several mature Cannabis plants and a Hydroponics system seized.

As we are now on the lead up to Christmas and over this period we see a rise in Burglary related offences. The Metropolitan Police Service has launched Operation Bumblebee to identify and arrest burglars and provide reassurance and crime prevention advice to residents. Lewisham, ergo Forest Hill SNT will have visited all our known offenders as well as conduct Op Bumblebee Crime Prevention road shows within the ward. Several of these will have already been conducted by the time you hold the LA Meeting.

Finally, it goes without saying that should anyone need to report crime, then dial 999 for emergencies or 101 to report other matters requiring police attendance.

Other contact details:

Forest.Hill.SNT@met.police.uk and/or 020 8721 2723.

If contacting the Safer Neighbourhood Team, please speak clearly and leave full contact details including a phone number or e-mail address in order for us to respond.

Other than this, all meetings we will be holding such as drop in surgeries etc are detailed on our website: <http://content.met.police.uk/Team/Lewisham/ForestHill>

32. Community Updates

- SEE3 Christmas Calendar will be delivered to Forest Hill residents at the end of November. This covers all the activities that will be taking place across Forest Hill, Sydenham and Kirkdale over the Christmas/ New Year period.
- Christmas drinks in Forest Hill will take place on Saturday 6 December , after the Christmas tree light switch on at 4pm outside Forest Hill station.

The funding of this years Christmas tree has received sponsors from Winkworth Estate agent, Forest Hill Society, the local Labour party , Sainsbury's and the local assembly devolved budget. Any further donations would be greatly appreciated, contact maya.onyett@lewisham.gov.uk for further information.

- Local author Steve Grindlay will be launching his new book ,a history of Forest hill and Sydenham, at Kirkdale Book shop on Saturday 29 November, 3pm.
- There is a public consultation meeting taking place on Saturday 29 November, 11- 6pm at Quaker meeting House, 34 Sunderland road regarding plans around the reservoir site (which is protected from building works) between Hamilton Lodge and Canonbie road.
- Dartmouth road extension , £600,000 allocated over the next 2 years to improve this road, especially around Sylvan Post, Paddy Power and Heron House. The SEE3 committee are looking for further funding (Greater London Authority GLA) to improve the area around the library, swimming pool, and Louise House to open up the space and make the area more community and user friendly . The costs will be approximately be around £200, 000. GLA bids require evidence of community support and the assembly was asked to show their support by a vote of hands. All were raised.
- Sunday 14 December, bulb planting event, 2.30 pm, at the Horniman Triangle.
- The Windmill on Kirkdale, currently has 2 issues; the owner is going through the appeals system, taking Lewisham Council and Camera to court on the 11 December .
- Sasha Leacock gave an update on the following:
Young Citizen's Programme (YCP)
Forest Hill School has launched a new social action Initiative – the Young Citizen's Programme – which aims to encourage young people to become more active citizen's, devising projects, campaigns that address local needs. Throughout the autumn term 240 Year 9 students (13-14 year olds) have been working with specialist Facilitators, researching local priorities and coming up with innovative ideas for projects. In January, each class will present a pitch of their class idea, from which a winning project will be selected for delivery direct in the community during the Spring and/or Summer terms.

Local councillors from Perry Vale, Sydenham and Forest Hill wards recently attended a special assembly to talk about the priorities in their wards, and Young Advisers from Lewisham Young Mayor's Office will also help with delivery of the final project.

The YCP not only develops students skills (e.g. research, entrepreneurship, communication/presentation, creative thinking, problem solving, project management) and sense of philanthropy, but it also promotes social interaction and action, encouraging young people to work with their wider community (across the ages) for the benefit of all.

Christmas Market Event – Tuesday 16th December 2014, 6pm-8.30pm

Come and join us at the Forest Hill School Christmas Market. There will be music, dance and drama performances, festive food and drink, Christmas gifts, crafts stalls and much more! Entry free - all welcome.

33. Join the Forest Hill Assembly Coordinating Group

Cllr Upex highlighted the importance of completing the feedback forms and invited members to join the coordinating group which plans the assembly and discusses local issues and updates . If you would like to join contact maya.onyett@lewisham.gov.uk for further information.

34. Result of the votes

70 people voted at the assembly, the following projects received the most votes and will be funded (listed in order of the highest number of votes received).

FH05	CRI	£2,500
FH03	Re-Connect @ Platform 1	£2,500
FH02	Therapeutic Art @ Platform 1	£2,500
FH01	Friends of Albion Millennium Green	£2,475
FH12	FHSociety Quetta	£600
FH06	DOOPODOOPO ART HUB AND GALLERY CIC	£1,120
FH04	SAF-Sydenham Arts Festival	£805
	Total	£12,500

Cllr Upex thanked everyone for attending.

**The next assembly will take place on Tuesday 17 February at TNG, 7 – 9pm
No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.**