

**LEE GREEN LOCAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING
Tuesday 6 October 2015 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Trinity Church of England Secondary School
Taunton Road, London SE12**

Record of Meeting

	Items	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	Councillor Simon Hooks opened the meeting and introduced the agenda.	
2	Lee Green Safer Neighbourhood Update on Policing and Community Safety	
	There were no representative from the Safer Neighbourhood Team present at the meeting to provide this update.	
3	Lee Forum Progress Report	
	<p>A representative from the Lee Forum provided a brief update on what the group has been doing since the last Assembly meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application was submitted in early August to Lewisham Council planning department proposing the creation of a neighbourhood forum that spans across part of two boroughs, Lewisham and Royal Greenwich. • The group are currently liaising with the planning department over validation at the moment • A number of benefits which the forum can bring to the area were explained to the meeting. (i)They can make a neighbourhood plan, a legally binded planning policy for which all development must take place in the area. (ii)Increase the amount of infrastructure levy that is paid by developers and spent in the area. (iii)Improving communication across the area and make development order which ensures that developers engages with the community. (iv)Community right to build, which allows community to fund and build affordable housing or community facilities. (v)Community right to bid which allows community to develop a business plan and raise fund to buy properties for community uses. • The forum is only focusing on the first 3 benefits listed above currently. • The forum can last for up to five years. Regular updates on progress of activities will be provided to the community throughout the life of the Forum. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members are currently working on setting up the Forum website, attending training days and meeting with people that are running Forums in other places that are ahead to learn from their experiences and looking at funding options. • A contact sheet was passed around for people interested in joining the Forum to complete. • The forum is working closely with the Assembly on their local plan and welcomes representation from the local plan committee to join the Forum to facilitate conversation. • Anyone requiring further information about the Forum is asked to email "leeforum@outlook.com" 	
4.	Lee Green Assembly Local Plan Update	
	<p>A briefing paper providing an update on the progress made on the Assembly local plan was distributed. The plan was compiled and written by volunteers who live in the ward and adopted by the Assembly in 2014. A review of the plan took place in June 2015. It provides an overview of what is happening in the ward so that people can be better informed and helps keep track on improvements as they arises. The plan sets out the issues that are of concerns to people in the ward, setting out the progress that has been made towards achieving the priorities.</p> <p>The following priorities was agreed by the Assembly for 2014-15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved communication • Road safety • The environment, including trees planting and tackling fly tipping • Leegate <p>Local Plan priorities for 2015-16 (Main area of focus for the coming year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing services and support for local people through Lee Green Lives, due to reduction in services. Lee Green Lives has been recognised for the work it does and being awarded grant by Lewisham Council. They are now in a position to be able to expand their work. • Improving our parks, green spaces, road safety and streets. Last year a lot of work was done around improving streets and tackling flytipping. There is ongoing discussion with Council officer on suggested improvements to Manor Lane and Burnt Ash Road. Proposals were made and consultation conducted with residents in the affected areas. The proposal is said to be up against various other schemes and if selected, further progress update would to be provided at future Assembly meeting. • Change and conservation – influencing proposal for building developments in the ward and preserving local heritage. This overlaps a little with some of the proposal by the Neighbourhood Forum. The Assembly will work in conjunction with and feed in to what the forum will be doing to tackle issues which relates to this priority and work with them to 	

	<p>bring about what is best for the area. This priority will allow the Assembly to influence building proposals in the area, representing people's interest. Working with the local conservation group to preserve local heritage.</p> <p>Further information about the plan and other events happening in the area locally can be found on the Assembly website – leegreen.london</p> <p>A question was raised about measuring air pollution in the area. The meeting was informed that A Better Lee Green group have begun conducting a study on this.</p>	
5	Let's Talk Rubbish Consultation	
	<p>Lewisham Council is currently conducting a consultation on waste and recycling collection across the borough. A summary of what is going is provided in the meeting pack. There is also a feedback form which people are encouraged to complete. The consultation is largely driven by changes in law which requires local authorities to achieve high recycling targets and is also part of saving money.</p> <p>Some back ground information was provided by the chair as follows: Lewisham is relatively good in not using land fill because most of its waste is burnt at the energy centre in Newcross. However, overall recycling is lower than it should be. This is largely due to the Council doing mixed recycling which result in a lot of cross contaminations where people put things that cannot be recycled in the recycling bins. A few options have been proposed in the consultation paper which people can choose from.</p>	
6	Presentation of Assembly fund bids	
	<p>Around twelve applications was received this year, a total sum of £36,000. The Assembly fund is made up of £12,500 for the Assembly and a further £2,500 for the Councillor's fund which is always add to the main core fund to make a total of £15,000. Members of the Coordinating group committee looked through the applications received to assess them against the Assembly criteria and suitability of the projects that would add value to the area. They have recommended the following bids:</p> <p>I <u>Friends & Users of Staplehurst Road Shops (FUSS) - £1847</u> FUSS is seeking assistance with funding towards the delivery of the annual Christmas Fair which is to take place in Staplehurst Rd, on 6th December 2015. The event has been going for the past 12 years and continues to grow every year. Around 1000 people attends every year. The two sections of the road is closed to traffic with over 50 stalls displaying wares of all kinds. The event will be delivered in partnership with local shops and businesses and enables local artisans to showcase their wares and acquire marketing skills. A Christmas Tree will be erected outside Hither</p>	

	<p>Green Station, which remains a focal point and symbol of the community throughout the Christmas season, welcoming commuters to Hither Green. There are few people that organise this event every year, anyone interested joining the planning group is asked to see Ann after the meeting.</p>	
II	<p><u>Lee Green Lives – Centre on cost - £3570</u> The group is asking for less money this year due to its successful bid to the Council main grant scheme to deliver community development activities. This has enabled the group to take on an additional staff on a part-time basis and increase in the number of hours for the existing staff. An event was recently held at which the group set up a network for community groups in the area. The centre provides various activities mostly aimed at people who have little access to support. A potential project in the pipeline is the provision of advice session run by Advice Lewisham in the near future subject to funding being source from other sources. The money requested in the bid is needed to sustain the centre's running costs and charges associated with maintaining it. There is an additional amount which will be available at the discretion of the assembly of £603 which the group is safe keeping in case other matters come up that has not been covered by the grant.</p>	
III	<p><u>Lee Manor Community Garden – Garden equipment £350</u> Funding is required to support a local community garden group to purchase gardening equipment. The group has been going for 5 years. In the last 4 years, over 140 people attended the garden either to work or to visit. Participants age ranges from toddlers to people in their 90s. The garden is largely self sufficient, this funding is required to purchase public liability insurance and seeds for planting.</p>	
IV	<p><u>Lee Green Sewing Group - £1440</u> This group responds to some of the priorities set by the Assembly by providing activities for the elderly, although any age group is welcomed to the sessions. The group provides low cost activities with an experience teacher at a charge of £2 per week. Activities provided helps to overcome isolation and loneliness. Funding is required towards tutor hourly fee.</p>	
V	<p><u>Lee Fair Share – Coffee, Cake & Company - £746</u> Coffee, Cake and Company was set up in September 2011. The aim was to provide a weekly Monday afternoon session in which people could drop in for a coffee and a chat. Within four years the group has grown into having a core 10 - 15 regular attendees, which encompasses a diverse range of people. Several of the attendees have mental health issues – depression, bi-polar. A large number of the attendees have mobility problems. There are very few other groups which can accommodate people with such a range of needs. Funding is required to support the group activities.</p>	
VI	<p><u>Manor Park User Group – Café Shelter - £4000</u> The Park group are seeking funding towards the provision of a shelter to the side of the existing building in Manor Park, SE13.</p>	

<p>VII</p>	<p>The shelter will be used for various activities run by the Arts Café, including arts, painting, puppet making, face painting, chess, yoga, music events etc. The café are already running these events and workshops but require an additional sheltered outdoor space. Parents will be able to sit and have refreshments in the outdoor space by the café and watch over their children taking part in activities.</p> <p><u>Friends of Manor House Gardens – Notice board and website - £2445</u></p> <p>The group is seeking funding to provide an Heritage notice board in the grounds of Manor House Gardens and a website to build capacity and increase awareness of Friends of Manor House Gardens within the park and online.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Voting & Result</p>	
	<p>A vote was taken by show of hands to agree all the bids. All the proposals presented to the meeting received a seal of approval from the Assembly.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Community Updates & Any Other Business</p>	
<p>a</p> <p>b</p>	<p><u>Leegate development & Lee Green Lives</u></p> <p>St Modwen has submitted further information on their proposal, having submitted planning application to the Council a few months ago. The assembly working group and local amenities groups have looked through the application and found no extra information has been provided to resolve issues that was raised at the initial stage. As a result the working group supported by A Better Lee Green group has submitted further information concerning major issues raised around public space, housing, economic viability, traffic, pollution and overall community gains to Council planners. The timeline for presenting the proposal to the planning committee is November. In the meantime, the Council is currently exploring a proposal to raise the possibilities of turning the empty units at Leegate Centre into Meanwhile use with St Modwen.</p> <p>On the issue of reducing pollution in the area and judging by the various comments raised at the meeting, a motion was passed through the assembly asking Heidi Alexander, the Shadow Health Secretary, to raise with the government the issue of air pollution in the area. A special reference was made to the fact that local Council, however much they comply with their duty to measure air pollution are powerless to do much about pollution caused by diesel vehicle.</p> <p><u>Parking & CPZ</u></p> <p>The meeting received update about the proposed changes to parking in part of the area. It was confirmed that the changes to controlled parking are going through. The legal process is now completed and traffic notices have gone out to resident in affected areas. Painting of road lines and hanging of new signs is estimated to begin from October onward. Leaflets about information on the new operational hours e.t.c.</p>	

<p>c</p> <p>d</p>	<p>will be sent to residents in due course.</p> <p><u>Council budget cuts</u></p> <p>As part of the Council budget proposal looking at the way forward for 2016 budget, one of the proposal put forward was looking at downgrading libraries including Manor House library. The Lee Green Councillors have had discussions with the relevant Council department with responsibilities for libraries. It was mentioned that the Councillors has not been kept in the loop much on the proposal. There are meetings arranged to consult with local resident on this proposal. The meeting planned for Lee Green will take place at Trinity School on Monday 12th October. As the meeting clashes with the Labour Party group meeting councillors cannot attend. A further meeting is being planned in November for the benefit of local councillors and those who cannot attend the meeting on 12th October.</p> <p><u>Assembly Website</u></p> <p>There was a request from the coordinator of the Lee Green Assembly community website asking for anyone in the Lee Green area who may have an interest in life stories, article contributors and photographers who can assist with photo collections. The Hither Green Association website was cited as a good example where contributors have been granted login access.</p>	
	<p>Declaration of interest</p>	
	<p>There were no interest declared at this meeting.</p>	