

**LEWISHAM CENTRAL LOCAL ASSEMBLY
 MEETING**
Tuesday 13 October 2015 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Ted Ray Scout Hall
Springbank Road, Hither Green, London SE13

Record of Meeting

	Item	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	<p>Cllr Stella Jeffrey welcomed everyone and went through the format of the meeting.</p>	
2	Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Update	
	<p>This update was delivered by Cllr Egan on behalf of the Safer Neighbourhood panel chair. One of the SNT priorities for the area is antisocial behaviour around one blocks of flat off Loampit Vale. The Lewisham Central Councillors continues to raise issues concerning persistence begging around Hither Green Road outside the Co-operative store with the police. Resources are being focused in these two areas to address both problems. To enable the police to tackle issues, they are seeking the cooperation of the local community in reporting crime and providing adequate description of incidents.</p> <p>There would be a targeted leafleting drop around the ward ahead of Halloween, providing people with advice and precautions during trickle treats. The following crime statistics were: Burglary and robbery are down in Lewisham Central. The worst crime are violence (at Lewisham hospital mental health ward – mainly patient on patience attack), criminal damage and theft from motor vehicle. One of the things that the police is seeking assembly view on is to find out whether the introduction of posters on lamppost similar to the ones put up in Stainton Road a few years back, stating that the area is under observation by police because of increase in theft from cars, is a good idea.</p> <p>A further suggestion put forward was to perhaps distribute leaflets to homes in the area. A view was expressed that having posters of this nature could be interpreted that there is high crime level in such areas. A vote was taken by show of hands to decide on whether the posters on lamppost will be a good idea. Majority of people voted in favour of this idea.</p>	
3	What's new – Lewisham Adult Education	
	<p>The meeting received information about classes run at the</p>	

	<p>Lewisham Adult education Centres. The centres offers nationally recognised qualifications in Maths, English, Essol and childcare. The English and Maths qualification offered are up to GCSE level and are free to anyone who has lived in the UK for up to 3 years or more. A wide variety of other general interest courses including, photography, cookery, cloth making, languages and computing are also on offer across the borough. The centre caters for all abilities from beginners to more advanced levels. The Granville Park Centre located in the centre of Lewisham, offers specialist workshops including jewellery making, glasswork and printing.</p> <p>There are also extensive Family learning programmes where parents and their children can learn together. Majority of the courses are free and are run mostly from the adult learning centres and children centres. Work is done closely with most of the schools across the borough schools to deliver family learning within the school settings. There are 3 main adult education centres in Lewisham, Brockley, Central Lewisham (Granville Park) and Grove Park. There is a reduced fee for people over 65s and concessionary fees for people claiming job seekers and employment support allowance. Courses vary in length, from 1 day taster sessions up to 10 weeks. Further information about the various courses can be found on the Council website under education.</p>	
4.	Waste & Recycling Consultation	
	<p>Lewisham Council is conducting a consultation on waste and recycling collection across the borough. A summary of proposed options for future recycling are 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: The current spend on rubbish collection from houses is about £14.6. Around £2.6m is clawed back in terms of charges made by the Council. From this consultation the Council is looking to save around £1.1m. However, overall recycling is lower than it should be. This is largely due to the Council doing mixed recycling which results 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. An online survey is now open where people can also express their views on this matter.</p>	
5.	Feedback from Assembly funded project / Presentation of new bids	
	<p>The meeting received feedback from Deptford Cinema on how they have spent the Assembly funding awarded to the organisation last year.</p>	

	<p>Presentation of Assembly bids</p> <p>a <u>Marischal Road Resident Association – Streetscape improvement</u> This project was put together by the residents of Marischal Road to solve an ongoing anti-social issue on their street. A poorly maintained plot of public space half way up the street over time has become a magnet for anti-social behaviour, including fly-tipping, street drinking. It has also being frequently used by groups of youth who arrive on mass in cars, drinking often until late in the night or early morning. Current situation has become a significant issue for residents and a resolution was therefore worked up to halt the decline of the street any further. The project wishes to create a green space on this site, by converting it into a beautiful green space filled with low maintenance, contemporary beautiful plants and 2 small tree's.</p> <p>b <u>Lewisham Park (Crescent) Resident Association</u> The Lewisham Park (Crescent) Residents Association requests funding for the provision of new litter bins for Lewisham Park. The park is a key feature of the local environment and the Residents Association has received support from the planning Department and the Deputy Mayor to have the area designated a Conservation Area. The design of the park furniture, benches and bins is not compatible with the 'London garden' feel of the park and many items are in very poor condition. The existing bins are dilapidated, open and encourages foxes to scavenge and create unhealthy mess. This proposal is for new fox-proof bins which will complement the new benches funded from last year Assembly fund.</p> <p>c <u>Dalmain Athletic – Girls Football Project</u> This project aims to encourage young girls in the Lewisham Central ward to be more active and exercise regularly by taking part in a girl's football project. Taster sessions will be held in 3 local primary schools, for Girls in school year 3 and 4 to challenge obesity and encourage healthy lifestyles. Participants will have the opportunity to join the Lewisham only girl's football Club, this will ensure sustainability of this project and ensures the girls remain active and healthy. It is envisaged that around 80 to 100 girls will benefit from the project.</p>	
6.	Voting & Result	
	<p>A vote was taken by show of hands to agree all the bids presented to the meeting. All the proposals received a seal of approval from the Assembly.</p>	
7.	Update on Pop-up Housing – Ladywell Leisure Former Site	
	<p>The meeting received an update on the proposed use of the site housing the former Ladywell Leisure Centre. A ground-breaking project has been designed to bring the former site back into active</p>	

use for up to four years, and help meet an urgent housing need, while longer-term plans to regenerate the wider area are developed. The project will provide 24 quality 2-bed units, in which homeless families can be housed. There will be an additional eight units at ground level to help support community businesses.

The homes are built off-site using modern construction technologies at lower cost. The new technology enabled speedier construction and requires lesser time to de-construct if there is a need to move them to another location in the borough once a long term plan for the site is agreed.

Progress to date

- Planning permission for the scheme was granted in April 2015
- Contractor appointed in July 2015
- Work commenced on the site from early September including public consultation
- Proposal for ground floor usage – the council is working with Meanwhile Space to manage three quarter of the ground floor space for a range of flexible community, retail and leisure uses
- The remaining one quarter to be used in the provision of an enterprise hub / small business incubator. The Council is working in partnership with Bow Arts and the London Small Business Centre to provide this.

Potential Future Development

- A joint bid for £2m has been made alongside Meanwhile Space and Goldsmith University to create a 'temporary high street' to the rear of the development. Outcome of the fund expected in January 2016
- Spaces to let for small businesses who need more space than can be provided inside the development.
- Weekend markets and sales of produce made by the businesses on site.
- Spaces to hold events
- The project is also planning further consultation to design what the community wants if the bid is successful.

Timetable

- Ground work began in September
- The first units comprising of the ground floor will be delivered to the site in November, and fitted over November and December
- The other three floors above will be delivered over three weekends in January
- The target is to open the entire building by 31st March 2016
- Further consultation will be held over the coming months as more details emerge

Result of consultation conducted

- Around 572 people came to gave their views
- The top 5 ideas for what people want to see at 'Place Ladywell' are: cinema 72 people, creative workspace 59 people, sports facilities 52 people, community uses 32 people, event spaces

	<p>30 people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visit: www.place-ladywell.co.uk for more information and to give your ideas. 	
	<p>Cllrs' Update</p>	
	<p>The meeting received information about the Council spending review and the savings that has be made across service areas in 2015/16.</p>	
	<p>Any Other Business</p>	
	<p><u>Lewisham Centre Christmas Tree</u> Arrangement for the purchase of Christmas tree for the Centre of Lewisham is in process. Installation date is estimated at late November with the switch on to be held in first week in December.</p> <p><u>Lewisham Gateway Development</u> New buildings The structure of the first building (next to the entrance of the DLR) is now complete. Removal of scaffolding will start in November 2015. Construction of the second building has reached level 20, with the structure due for completion towards the end of January 2016.</p> <p>Replacement of the zebra crossing with a signalised pedestrian crossing on Lewisham Road The zebra crossing on Lewisham Road next to the Texaco Garage has been suspended. There is currently a temporary signalised crossing 20 meters away with signs directing pedestrians to the temporary crossing. This closure will remain in place until mid December, when a permanent signalised pedestrian crossing will replace the zebra crossing permanently.</p> <p>Taxis The new final taxi rank on Station Road is due to open by November 2015. Taxis will access the new Station Road rank via Lewisham Road and exit via Loampit Vale. Details are currently being ironed out and once the details of the works are confirmed further updates will provided to the community through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Posters on site and in public places - www.NewLewisham.com - Our email updates <p>Transport and access Access from the DLR and station to the town centre is currently diverted via Station Road/Molesworth St until works are completed by spring 2016. In the meantime bus users for stops outside the DLR station have been directed to Lewisham Police Station. From spring 2016 the project aim to have completed all of Lewisham Gateway's main highways works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Buses will stop in their final locations close to the DLR and Lewisham Station – along Station Road and near the DLR 	

	<p>on Molesworth Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All new signalised crossings will be in place - Pedestrians will be able to walk from the DLR Station, down to the Shopping Centre/Market needing only to make one single phase crossing (over Rennell Street) <p>Work will then solely focus on finishing the buildings under construction, creating Confluence Place and bringing forward the other buildings and open spaces planned for the site.</p> <p>More information A ‘Meet the Construction Team’ event will be held on Tuesday (20 October) from 5pm to 7pm in the Glass Mill Leisure Centre foyer to find out more about the construction or to discuss the works. Event is open to anyone who wants to pop by.</p> <p>Contact the team on 020 7403 8587 or send an email info@NewLewisham.com to sign up to email update or find out more at www.NewLewisham.com.</p> <p><u>Latest on the Old Snooker Hall on Lewisham High Street</u> Pastor White updated the meeting on recent development concerning the above mentioned premises.</p>	
	Declaration of interest	
	There were no interest declared at this meeting	