



LEWISHAM CENTRAL LOCAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

**Tuesday 5 July 2016 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Lewisham Methodist Church Hall
Albion Way, London SE13**

Record of Meeting

	Item	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	Cllr Stella Jeffrey welcomed everyone and went through the format of the meeting.	
2	A presentation - Lewisham Retail Park proposed redevelopment	
	<p>Representatives from Hard hat presented an outline designs proposed for the redevelopment of Lewisham Retail Park to the meeting. The retail park is currently occupied by four retail tenants, Matalan, mother care, Spots Direct and Family Bargains Stores. The site is owned by Legal & General. The new development will comprise of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A mix of approximately 525 homes across seven buildings• Retail units along Loampit Vale and Jerrad Street• Self-contained houses along Thurston Road• Dedicated parking space for commercial visitors and residents• Improving the public realm around the site, widening the cycle way along Thurston Road, adding more trees and green landscaping.• Communal garden – new green amenity space for all residents, including an expansive podium space.• New green amenity space or all residents including a public station square <p>The scheme would be presented to the Council Independent review panel in the autumn, an exhibition and some public consultation has already taken place. Discussion has also taken place with Greater London Authority (GLA) as they have a strategic role to play in the plan. Two public consultation events has taken place in compliance with Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation. It is proposed that planning application for the scheme would be submitted towards the end of July 2016. A question and answer session followed this presentation.</p>	
3	Ideas for spending Assembly fund 2016-17 - Greening	

	Lewisham	
	<p>Ann Marie from Lewisham Gardens presented a number of environmental ideas for spending the 2016-17 Assembly fund. The Assembly decided at their last Assembly meeting in January that a large proportion of this year's funding shall be spent on environmental led project to improve the general outlook of the central area outside Lewisham Shopping Centre. As a result, Lewisham Gardens was asked to research and present possible ideas to the meeting.</p> <p>Some possibilities of environmental beautification images that could brighten up identified areas requiring improvements were presented. These images included street planters, tree planting programme, organising a tree week similar to the successful edible high street scheme recently delivered in Forest Hill where participation went from 60 to 120 shops in three years.</p> <p>It was said that the edible high street scheme would be ideal to pilot in Lewisham by encouraging participation from businesses on Lee High Road. This could take the form of temporary pop-up trees created to celebrate and raise awareness of the benefits of trees and food growing in the area.</p> <p>Other ideas presented includes partnering with businesses in the immediate vicinity of the Town Centre to develop a living wall systems – climbing frames, reservoir pockets or pipes and frames systems with drip feeders, climbers and clinging drippers. The use of colour and mural to brighten up the area was also mentioned. Some sites for the artwork and greening projects were identified as well as the importance of a better signage to direct people to historical and leisure activities around the town centre.</p>	
4. Launching the Assembly Fund 2016-17	<p>The chair reiterated the importance of ensuring that this year's Assembly funding is focused on projects aimed at improving the environment to coincide with the Assembly's chosen theme. The application process was declared open at the meeting. Local groups and organisation with ideas on environmental improvements for their area were encouraged to apply.</p>	
5. Reporting back on Assembly funded project	<p>A representative from the Lewisham Park Resident Association reported back on how they have spent the funding the group received from last year Assembly fund. The funding enabled the replacement of the old dilapidated wooden benches at Lewisham Park to a modern hard wearing metal benches. The second round of funding secured was spent on replacing the old open rubbish bins with a steel fox proof bins.</p>	

	6. A presentation – Marischal Rd Resident Association	
	<p>The chair of the Marischal Road Resident Association informed the meeting of the reasons for the formation of the group. Since the introduction of the dispersal order in Lewisham Town Centre, the street has been blighted with various forms of antisocial behaviour occurring until the early hours of the morning. A few residents on the street realised that they have a shared discontent with what was happening on their road and took the step to form a resident group.</p> <p>Since their formation less than a year ago, the group has successfully opened a bank account and have secured funding from the Assembly and Pockets to develop a piece of land on their road notable for various anti-social activities, into a community garden and have also delivered a successful community clean-up day. The group currently has 50 members on their mailing list. There is a Facebook page – “Marischal Road SE13”.</p>	
7. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Update	<p>There were no representative from the police available at the meeting due to other commitments. A written update provided was read out by the chair as follows:</p> <p>General Antisocial behaviour – Marischal Road One drug warrant executed following community intelligence received and dealer identified. CCTV camera installed on the street largely due to the efforts from Council officer. Liquor seized and one arrest for drug made by mounted branch.</p> <p>Misuse of blue badges by non-disabled driver No offenders identified. PC Robert is holding a session with Council enforcement officers on 20 July with regards to joint working and verbal de-escalation.</p> <p>Promises set for May 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antisocial behaviour (general) – one warrant executed for handling stolen goods, hospital defibrillator seized. • One vehicle identified with registered keeper and a section 59 notice issued. • Antisocial behaviour alcohol - Liquor seized resulting in one arrest for non-payment of fines and one cannabis disposal. • Drugs – One dealer charge to court after a warrant executed in January • Four further warrants were executed, for cocaine, cannabis recovered, cannabis factory dismantled and crack diamorphine and MBMA recovered. All these investigations are ongoing. <p>Burglary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglary is down, Cocooning (Cocooning entails trawling for witnesses and potential future victims in the nearby area where a burglary is reported) continues, as does a lot of false 	

	<p>reporting and leaving properties insecure.</p> <p>Reported Robbery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug relater issue on Elverson Road • Domestic robbery/ assault on Silk Path • Lewisham High Street – robbery of Greggs truck by suspected people coming out of sky bar • Lewisham High street – stolen bag left next to Primark store • Lee High Road – possible distraction robbery. 	
	Declaration of interest	
	There were no interest declared at this meeting	