

**LEE GREEN LOCAL ASSEMBLY  
MEETING**  
**Thursday 23 February 2017 7.30pm – 9.30pm**  
**Trinity Church of England Secondary School**  
**Taunton Road, London SE12**

**Record of Meeting**

	Items	Actions
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, Introduction &amp; Format of meeting</b>	
	Cllr Jim Mallory welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the agenda for the meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Update from the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team</b>	
	<p>PCSO Abi Krukowski from the Lee Green Police Safer Neighbourhood Team provided a general update on what has happened since attending the last meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was informed that there has been a recent reduction in burglary within the area. The few incidents has occurred mainly from burglars gaining access through the back of the properties and patio windows using garden equipment.</li> <li>• Residents are therefore advised to lock their garden equipment away.</li> <li>• There has been an increase in motor vehicle crime. A lot of these activities has taken place around the Leegate Centre, usually the theft of number plates. The problem has not been helped by the fact that the carpark is open all hours. Some plain clothe surveillance has taken place in the area but unfortunately this has not yielded any result.</li> <li>• There has been an increase in antisocial behaviour activities again around the Leegate Centre. The team are keeping an eye on this situation.</li> </ul>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Assembly Local Plan Review and Update on Lee Neighbourhood Forum</b>	
	<p>A joint presentation on the Assembly Local Plan and the Lee Forum Neighbourhood Plan presented as follows:</p> <p>Due to the number of active community groups in the area, the assembly have noted a number of overlap in some of the activities delivered locally. It has therefore becomes necessary to speak to the assembly about both plans. The meeting was asked for their ideas and suggestions of items they would like to see include in both plans.</p> <p><u>The Assembly Local Plan</u>  A document detailing the progress made with the Local Plan was circulated at the meeting. This includes the priorities for 2016 and progress of actions achieved so far. The Lee Assembly Local Plan is</p>	

owed and decided by Lee Green Assembly members. Anyone who lives, work or learn in the ward can input into the plan.

#### Current Priorities

- improving services for local people through Lee Green Lives
- improving parks, green spaces and streets
- Change and Conservation: representing Assembly members' views on proposed building development in the ward and protecting its heritage.

#### Progress to date

- 1) Lee Green Lives has extended its range of services it offers to the community as a result of the grant award received from Lewisham Council. The group is planning to become a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in the near future. The group continues to operate from the Community Centre at Leegate and will do so until redevelopment of the Leegate Centre necessitates its move.
- 2) Parks and open spaces – A facility that is well used in Lee Green due to the efforts of a well dedicated users group. These groups helps to make the parks a pleasant place to visit as well as organising annual events for residents.
- 3) Streets – people's attention were drawn to the work that has commenced on the Manor Lane streetscape improvements work which begun after Christmas. It was suggested that one of the ways the assembly can be involved in this can be through the monitoring of the implementation. The other big development around this priority is in Hither Green with reference made to a paper produced by FUSS which can be found in the individual packs. The paper contains a recent proposal from Lewisham Council to create a taxi rank outside Hither Green Station along with other minor improvements..
- 4) Leegate – not a lot has changed since the last meeting. The application is still with the Mayor of London for his consideration.
- 5) Manor House Library – The tender has been awarded to V22. The contract has not yet began. Meanwhile there are interim arrangements operating at the library and they have been closely monitored by the Friends of Manor House Library.
- 6) Assembly Community Showcase – A successful event held for the first time last year and was very well received. As a result, a local consortium of community groups was set up to get local co-operation and keep some form of collaborative work going.

#### Lee Neighbourhood Forum

In other to get a better understanding of how the Neighbourhood Plan differs from the Assembly Local Plan the following clarification were provided:

- The neighbourhood plan covers part of Lee Green, Blackheath and Greenwich whereas the Local Plan covers the Lee Green

ward only.

- The Neighbourhood Plan includes planning policies that will guide future building in the area in line with what people want. It covers things like heritage and character protection and development, housing, environment and amenities etc. The Local plan concentrates on similar themes but through other means
- The Neighbourhood Plan is adopted by Lewisham and Greenwich Councils and guides decisions on future planning applications in the area and the spending of Community Infrastructure Levy paid by developers locally whereas the Local Plan is adopted by Lee Green Assembly and guides the spending of the Assembly.
- The Neighbourhood Plan is voted on by the community in the area wide referendum and upon adoption by the Councils becomes a legally enforceable document whereas the Local Plan is agreed and implemented through the Lee Green Assembly and cannot be not legally enforced.

#### Activities to date

The Forum was designated about a year ago. It has set up as a charity and secured two strands of funding to support its work. It is expected to complete the neighbourhood plan in around four years' time. Since its introduction around a year ago, the forum has run a series of Saturday walks, gathering evidence to use in designing the neighbourhood plan. The group has run a leaflet drop across the forum area encouraging people to complete an on-line survey and attend meetings. A contract has been developed with Lewisham and Greenwich Councils and community bodies including the Lee Green Consortium. A mailing list has been developed as well as a Facebook page, website and twitter to keep people updated. They have collated many information made available by the Councils and other public bodies aimed at helping people to understand the Forum areas and its needs. They have also engaged consultants to help them get the most out of the neighbourhood planning process.

#### Activities going forward

- A meeting is planned for the 20 of March at Soul Refresh Café in Leigate to decide what key areas the neighbourhood plan should concentrate on.
- The design and consulting on the draft policies to incorporate in the neighbourhood plan
- Engage with landlords of vacant and derelict properties to see what can be done
- Commissioned further studies in areas of particular community

	importance.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Lee Green Consortium / Community showcase</b>	
	<p>A brief introductory explanation about the consortium and Community showcase event was provided for the benefit of those attending the assembly meeting for the first time.</p> <p>The Assembly agreed some funding at their last meeting to kick-start the Lee Green Consortium. Initially formed by three groups (Lee Green Lives, Lee Manor Society and Friends of Manor House Gardens), other groups in the area have been encouraged to join in. The reason for forming the consortium was given as in anticipation of having the Assembly fund cut as the Council faces challenging periods of budget cuts. It is thought that having groups pull together their resources and making a joint funding bids to external bodies could be the way forward to sustaining their works. The Consortium is seen as the driving force for which local ideas and suggestions for improvements could be progressed. The next meeting of the consortium will take place on 20 April from 7.30pm at the Lee Green Community Centre where the discussion will be held around its aims and objectives and an agreements of its future activities.</p> <p>The date for this year Community showcase at the Manor House Garden Festival was announced as Saturday 24 June. A range of local groups took part in the successful event last year under a tent funded by the Assembly.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Staplehurst Road Improvements</b>	

	<p>A brief introduction on the vital works that the Friends and Users of Staplehurst Road Shops (FUSS) does to support and get the community, shops and businesses to work together were provided. The meeting was informed of a proposal brought to the meeting by FUSS about suggestions to redevelop the areas outside Hither Green Station.</p> <p>The proposed work will include developing a raised platformed section on the road and widening the pavements to create a piazza style area. It is thought that this will facilitate a better shared environment allowing more outside tables and chairs and slowing down traffic in the area. A further plans proposed would also involve the introduction of a taxi rank, moving the bus stops to facilitate this improvements and providing a bus shelter and a raised junction on Leahurst Road. It was said that these works would be funded by Transport for London (TFL).</p> <p>Alongside this proposal came a notice received on Sainsbury's plans for the Old Biscuit Factory. The store as part of its planning application have asked for a 24 hours delivery times. A request which were opposed by FUSS.</p>	
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	<p>FUSS has responded to both news and met with the Planning Officer from Sainsbury's where various modifications to their proposed plans were negotiated. The group has also met with the Council to discuss their proposed works.</p> <p>The group have therefore taken the decision to approach the assembly and the Neighbourhood Forum for their support and see if there are any ways in which the idea can be incorporated into the overall plans for the area. The group is also considering seeking finance to employ a consultant on a voluntary or paid basis to develop a concept for a road transport / environment local development plan for the area as part of this process.</p> <p>The assembly responded positively to a notion to employ a consultant if necessary.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Update on Manor House library</b>	
	<p>A short background information was provided on the decision taken by the Council to keep its library open in spite of the cuts to its budget. The recent update on the bidding process was provided. The meeting was informed of a delay in the transfer process. A mention that the successful bidder V22, an art organisation also holds the lease of another Council building. A report on the transfer is due to go before Mayor and Cabinet on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Throughout the process officers from the Council have worked closely with local community stakeholders in developing the library proposals.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Proposal to build new Council homes in Lee Green</b>	
	<p>The Council has an ambitious programme to deliver 500 new Council homes by 2018. Many of these houses are in the process of being built and some have been completed. Other possible sites has been identified in Lee Green. This is the site currently housing the Mayfield Hostel, used for emergency temporary accommodation on Burnt Ash Hill.</p> <p>The Council is looking for the potential of developing this site to delivery new permanent housing all to be socially rented in partnership with Lewisham Homes. The plans are at a very early stage and is only a concept at this point. The project team is keen to engage with residents' right at the start of the process.</p> <p>A formal consultation is planned for the end of March to enable the plan to be discussed in more details. At that point the Council will produce some sketch drawing and layout for the development. Thoughts were invited from the floor around the principles of developing new housing in the area. Generally any particular concerns or issues raised that can be fed back to the architects.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Update Recycling in Lewisham</b>	
	<p>A brief update was provided on recent changes to recycling</p>	

	<p>collections in Lewisham and the targets it aims to achieve over the coming years. It was reported that Lewisham was awarded a low rating for its recycling collections. A number of reasons were attributed to the rating. One of the main reason given was because around 80% of Lewisham's waste are incinerated and burnt to produce heat energy around the borough and this were not reported.</p> <p>The Council is pushing to improve its target rating by around 50% regardless of the other method currently in place. As part of the initiative to achieve this target, additional bin for food waste will be provided to residents in June. Due to be implemented also from June, the normal recycling waste would be collected on a weekly basis whilst the regular waste would switch to fortnightly collection. Some visual examples of recyclable material were demonstrated. Further information on recycling can also be found on the Council website.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Community update and any other business</b>	
<b>a</b>	<p>An appeal from the Save Our Lewisham Hospital Campaign seeking the Assembly support in its latest resistance to a new government health transformation plan (Sustainability and Transformation Plan – (STP). STPs are five year plans covering all aspects of NHS spending. The proposal involves NHS organisations and local authorities in different parts of the country working together to develop place-based plans for the future of health and care services in their area. The group are opposing this proposal in Lewisham. Information leaflet about the proposal was distributed.</p>	
<b>b</b>	<p>An update was provided on the current state of the Leegate development planning application. The proposal has received the London Mayor stage 2 approval. They have directed Lewisham to approve the proposal subject to the conditions of section 106 set out in the report. A brief on the report can be found on the Lee Green Assembly website. The next stage would be to commence section 106 negotiations which is likely to begin in April.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Declaration of interest</b>	
	There were no interest declared at this meeting.	