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MINUTES OF THE FOREST HILL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 28 June 2016 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Peter Bernards and Maja Hilton

ALSO PRESENT:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Upex

1. Welcome from the Chair

Cllr Peter Bernards, Chair of the Forest Hill Assembly welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave apologies for Cllr Upex.

2. Forest Hill Library update - Liz Dart, Head of Cultural & Community Development

Following the consultation, the Mayor has agreed to move forward with the community library model to the Forest Hill, Manor House, and Torridon Road library buildings.

Two proposals were put forward for the Forest Hill Library, one was not appropriate as it required ongoing revenue funding but the second application is going forward for a decision to be made by Mayor and Cabinet on 13th July for the running of the 22 year lease. This application was made by V22 working with Forest Hill community groups:

Forest Hill Society, Forest Hill Traders Association and the newly established Friends of Forest Hill Library. The proposal offers the same service that is currently run with additional community services and are looking for opportunities to create income, for example renting out unused spaces for art and other activities.

3. Changes in garden waste and the benefits of recycling- Paddy Swift, Waste Initiatives and Contracts Manager

Paddy Swift gave the presentation: 'Lewisham's Waste & Recycling Services'

4. Forest Hill Ward Assembly New Services June 2016

5. Previously funded Project Updates:

- Wildlife Pond – Friends of Albion Millennium Green (FAMG)

Ann Field from FAMG updated that they will be going ahead with the building of a new larger pond to replace the previous one that has gone into disrepair. Currently the Green is somewhat waterlogged due to the excessive rain but they have also experienced some attempted burglaries around the Green and anti-social behaviour with young people in groups. She hopes this will not put off future visits by locals and the Green continues to thrive despite on-going issues. If you would like to become a member or get involved go to www.amgfriends.org.uk

- **Community Cinema**

Sarah Hussein updated on the Free Film Festival that is happening on the 9th – 17th September across the area.

They are set up on Facebook : facebook.com forest hill film and they are on twitter.

A programme of films is being developed.

For more information contact sarah_hussain@outlook.com

- **20th Forest Hill (Scoutlink) Scout Group**

The 20th Forest Hill Scout group is set up for children and young adults with special needs, mainly those with Autism. Around 12 children, ages 8 – 15 years attend and meet every Thursday. They are planning to run a camp trip in September with the assembly funding and the children are very excited. They would also like to spend the money on resources such as sports and drawing/ painting equipment.

- **Forest Hill Fashion week**

Forest Hill Fashion week will run from 22- 25 September 2016. Lots of events taking place across various venues such as, marquee on Dartmouth Rd, library, new community space at Louise House & local businesses with more to come.

Look out for brochures in local shops for latest updates or visit www.fhfw.co.uk

- **Shakespeare's Birthday celebration**

Michael Abrahams from the Forest Hill Society highlighted that the innovative and playful theatre company Teatro Vivo took over parts of Dartmouth Road and London road on Saturday 23rd April to celebrate Shakespeare's birthday and mark Saint Georges Day. Around 150 people attended and some joined in as well as observed 3 performances across the day.

- **SEE3 Activities**

Brochure containing activities around the Christmas period is being developed. Forest Hill Society is working with Sydenham Arts to deliver activities in the new area outside Louise House and the Library for performances. These will include Spoken word, Music, Drama and Theatre, taking place on the first Sunday of each month across October, November and December leading up to the Christmas tree lighting.

6. Launch of this year's 2016/17 assembly fund

The 2016/17 Forest Hill Assembly fund will focus on one or more of the following:

Youth engagement and provision- looking for activities that will appeal and support new and existing schemes young people. These could include those that are Art, Music, Drama and Sports based. We are also keen to open up the criteria to include ideas around exciting intergenerational projects.

Making Forest Hill more attractive - looking for proposals that will help to keep Forest Hill streets clean and appealing. This could include the planting of trees and flowers or a proposal that would increase street art or improve an area.

Community events – looking for proposals around events that include celebrations, e.g Christmas or events that engage residents and local groups offering education and relevant information to the Forest Hill area, as well as being fun.

Supporting local Traders – looking for proposals that could support and promote Forest Hill as a vibrant town centre and the Kirkdale area for local businesses.

How much is available?

There is £13,880 available for the Forest Hill ward in 2016–17.

However £5,000 is to be ring fenced for supporting the Forest Hill Community Library with a focus on volunteering and books, leaving £8,880 available for local community groups and organisations applications.

You can apply for a maximum of £2,500 for each individual project.

What can it be spent on?

The priorities highlighted have been identified by residents, community groups and local businesses who have attended the Forest Hill Assembly Meetings. We want to fund projects that aim to tackle these important issues raised by the local community. The money could be used to start up a project, support a group to develop new activities, or support a larger project that has secured funding from other sources.

How to apply

Go to the Lewisham Website, Forest Hill assembly page and download the application form. Fully complete and email to maya.onyett@lewisham.gov.uk. There is further important information on page 5 of this form.

Closing date for all proposal forms is Friday 9 September 2016.

Voting on projects will take place at the Forest Hill Assembly Meeting to be held on **Saturday 15th October** venue to be confirmed, 1.30 – 3.30pm.

7. Brazilian Art Update- Luke Macpherson, Horniman museum

**Museum advised that the Festival of Brazil, showing street art in Forest Hill, will commence from 11th July – 4 September.
He delivered the following presentation: Street Art FHA**

8. Street Art FHA presentation

9. Join the Forest Hill Assembly Coordinating Group

Cllr Bernards 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.

10. Community Updates and question time

- **Lewisham Peoples Day is on Saturday 9th July**
- **Green Chain walks 5 miles meeting 16th July 11am**
- **Friends Of Baxters Field introduced themselves, the group was set up in January by local residents who care about Forest Hill and Sydenham. Baxters Field sits across both wards and is a small local park with an area of open grasslands. They will be attending future assemblies.**
- **Chris Beach from the SE23.Life Forum introduced himself and encouraged people to sign up**

Cllr Bernards thanked everyone for attending.

- **The Date of the next assembly is 15 October, time and venue to be confirmed**

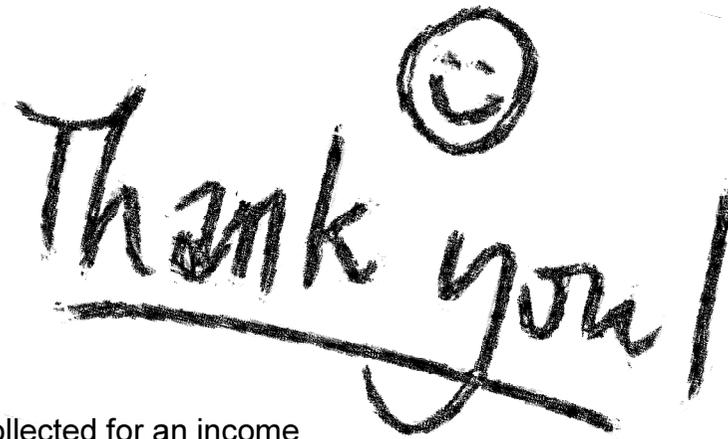
Lewisham's Waste & Recycling Services



Paddy Swift
Waste Initiatives and Contracts Manager

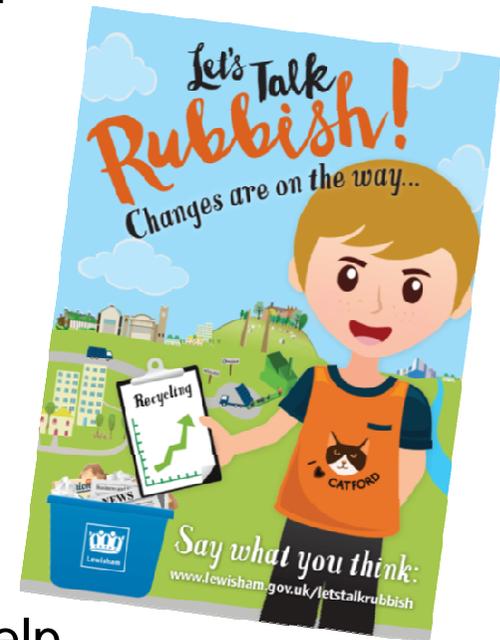


- *Biggest Council Survey – 6,000 responses*
- *Top Priorities*
 - Making it easier for residents to recycle
 - Reducing our impact on the environment
- *Bottom Priorities*
 - Meeting recycling targets to avoid fines, although 94% felt that we should recycle more
 - Saving money.
- *Separate Collection of Paper*
 - Nearly three quarters agreed that paper should be separately collected for an income
 - 8 /10 respondents said that they would separate out the paper into a separate box
- *Food Waste Collections*
 - Over two thirds agreed with the introduction of a weekly food waste service
- *Fortnightly refuse with weekly food*
 - Mixed across the board with 46% in agreement and 41% in disagreement
- *Garden Waste Collections*
 - 70% agree with introducing a garden waste service
 - Only half answered the question about charge, and of those & had a garden, two thirds would pay £80.
- *Should there be any exemptions from additional bins*
 - Four fifths believe that properties should still be offered a food waste service
 - Three quarters stated that those properties should share bins.



Thank you!

- Mayor & Cabinet
- Noted the results of the 'Let's Talk Rubbish' consultation and Waste Regulations (TEEP) Assessment;
- Agreed to:
 - Keep a weekly comingled recycling service
 - Introduce a subscription garden waste service from June 2016:
 - £45 from June to March 2017
 - £60 per annum thereafter
 - Introduce a weekly food collection service
 - Reduce refuse collections to fortnightly
- Performance:
 - 18.16% Recycling, composting & reuse
 - 0.66% Landfill
 - 693Kg per household per year of residual
- The only way is up for our Recycling Rate with your help



Mayor & Cabinet Decision



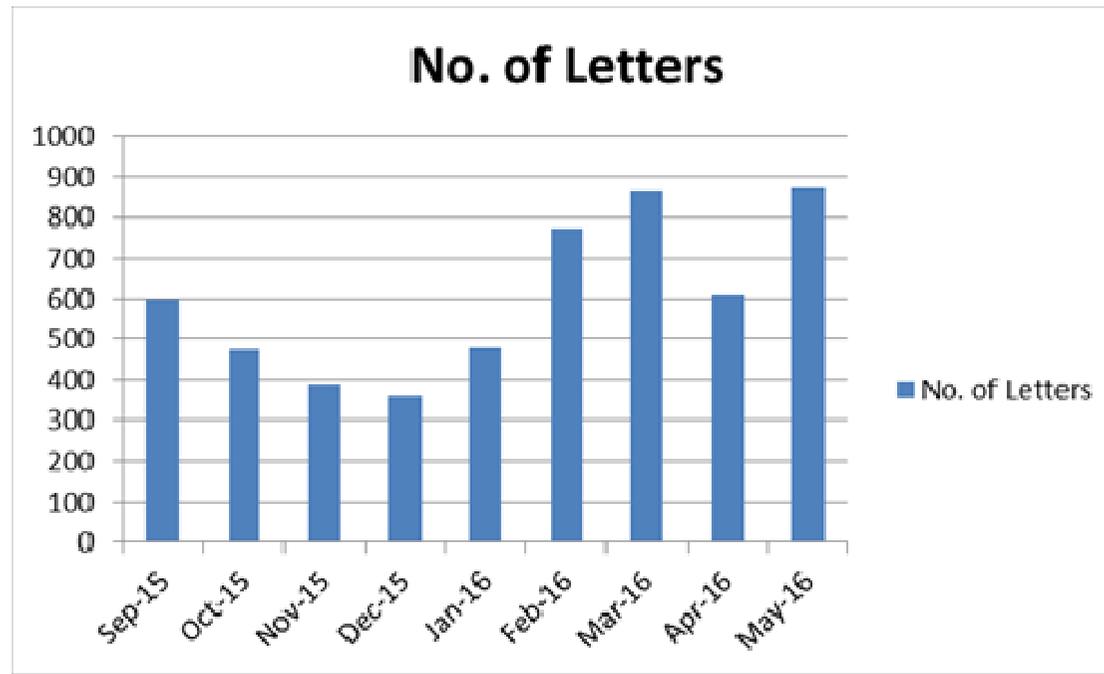


- ➔ Remains weekly
- ➔ Remains comingled
- ➔ No textiles
- ➔ Changing stickers
- ➔ If in doubt, leave it out



Recycling services

- ➔ Contamination is a big costly issue for Lewisham
- ➔ 12 months average (June 2015 – May 2016)
 - ➔ 76.61% Recycled 'Acceptable Material'
 - ➔ 23.39% Contaminated (some of which can be recycled)
 - ➔ 13.52% goes to landfill or Energy from Waste
- ➔ Contaminated bin 4 stage process



- ➔ One brown 240l bin per subscription
- ➔ As many subscriptions per household as resident likes
- ➔ No longer sacks
- ➔ Weekly collection service
- ➔ Collecting same materials as current service
- ➔ Assisted collections
- ➔ Promoted from February
 - ➔ Website and media (social and press)
 - ➔ Letter distributed with Lewisham Life end of February
 - ➔ Letter sent to existing garden sack customers end of February
 - ➔ Other media (posters, flyers at RRC, garden centres, events etc)
 - ➔ JCD's and Trucks
- ➔ £45 from now until March, then £60 from April
- ➔ Bin delivery 21 days



New garden waste service

Postcode	Sacks ordered (1 year)	No properties ordered bin	Uptake	No bins ordered
SE13	903	780	86%	784
SE23	888	1078	121%	1079
SE6	859	1348	157%	1350
SE4	631	514	81%	518
SE12	512	956	187%	960
SE26	456	570	125%	571
BR1	252	347	138%	347
SE14	198	181	91%	183
SE3	184	179	97%	184
SE8	87	59	68%	59
SE9	16	40	250%	40
SE10	12	13	108%	13
SE15	3	1	335	1
Total	5001	6066	121%	6089

Garden waste subscriptions



- ➔ Put your bin **on the pavement outside your property**, by 6am on the morning of your collection day (return within 24 hours).
- ➔ Put the correct items into the bin.
- ➔ Put garden waste in loose, not in plastic bags as these will contaminate your bins.
- ➔ Contamination – the bin will not be collected and you will have to remove the contamination.
- ➔ Make sure the lid is fully closed.
- ➔ No additional garden waste at the side of your bin.
- ➔ Additional garden waste:
 - ➔ Refill your bin for the next collection
 - ➔ Home compost
 - ➔ Purchase another subscription
 - ➔ RRC
- ➔ Label your bin with your house number.
- ➔ Lost, stolen, damaged bins will cost to replace £30 (unless its our fault).



How to use the garden waste service



- ➔ Weekly food waste collections
- ➔ Likely to be January rollout
- ➔ External 23l food bin and inside 7l food caddy
- ➔ Initial free supply of liners
- ➔ All food waste:
 - ➔ Meat and fish - raw and cooked including bones
 - ➔ Fruit and vegetables - raw and cooked
 - ➔ All dairy products such as eggs and cheese
 - ➔ Bread, cakes and pastries
 - ➔ Rice, pasta and beans
 - ➔ Uneaten food from your plates and dishes
 - ➔ Tea bags and coffee grounds
 - ➔ Nut shells
- ➔ No food packaging
- ➔ Communications campaign
- ➔ Food collected produces renewable energy (electricity and heat) and a biofertilizer
- ➔ Refuse will be collected fortnightly



Food waste collections

Thank You & Questions

