



WHITEFOOT ASSEMBLY

MONDAY 21ST MARCH 2016
7.00 pm – 9.00pm
St Luke's Church, Northover BR1 5JR

Minutes of the Meeting

Welcome from the Chair - Cllr Jonathan Slater extended a warm welcome to all and gave a brief overview of the meeting's content. Mention was made regarding the low turnout which Cllr. Slater thought might be due to the Beckenham Place Consultation taking place at the Green Man at the same time.

Cllrs. Slater invited Rev. Patrick Jordan, host of this evening's meeting, to say a few introductory words then followed;

Group discussion on how to improve the Downham Assembly and increase attendees –

Cllr. Slater asked those present to form groups and discuss ways of improving the Whitefoot Local Assembly with a view to increasing participation. The discussion went for 20 minutes then groups fed back their thoughts as follows;

- Survey people outside of the meeting and ask for their views
- Conduct research into what makes some other Assemblies better supported, e.g. Ladywell Assembly
- Investigate different ways of advertising e.g social media (Facebook/Twitter etc.)
- Share on Phoenix Notice Board and their Media Screen at the Green Man
- Share on Metropolitan Police Twitter Page (MET Twitter)
- Councillors and Police to publicise at their Surgeries
- Erect notice boards in prominent places
- Ensure A3 size posters are displayed in frequented public places/spaces, e.g. Libraries, GP surgeries, Post Office, frequented shops, parks etc.
- Consider the design of the flyer delivered to every Whitefoot household. Can it be more eye catching/appealing/less wordy/more pictures? Use succinct phrasing
- Use colour not black and white
- Advertise 'free' food
- Actively seek to increase membership of the Coordinating group with more local, pro-active residents from a mix of backgrounds
- Involve more local community organisations
- Hold a 'Market Place' event inviting all local community groups to have information stalls with details about how people can get involved or how they can contribute e.g. volunteering opportunities
- Incorporate entertainment – e.g. singing, dancing etc.

- Consider the principle ‘what’s in it for me’ when considering the content of the Assembly. What will people gain from making the effort to come, what’s in it for them? How can we ensure ‘buy in’?
- Focus on the physical environment and practical ways people can improve their area and take ownership and pride in their locality
- Invite speakers who can advise people how to report fly-tips and how to dispose of their own, unwanted, large items
- Determine priorities and pertinent themes within the ward prior to the Assembly and focus on them, e.g. local developments, (Excalibur) anything controversial etc.
- Survey community to determine what they are passionate about and make the outcomes the focus of future assemblies
- Many residents in the ward are interested in down-sizing their property but don’t know how to go about this. Invite a speaker who can give clear information and instruction which will be helpful for those interested
- Consider different times and days for the Assembly to accommodate more people
- If in the evening, consider a later start
- Consider using the same venue each time which has good public transport links and good parking so that people are not put off by not knowing where the venue is or how to get to it
- Invite Police Cadets and encourage them to encourage more young people to attend
- Invite members from the Young Mayor’s Team to do the same
- Consider a joint Whitefoot and Downham Assembly

Cllr. Slater explained that the suggestions would go to the next Coordinating Group meeting where members of the group help to plan and shape future assembly meetings and ensure they are representative of the community.

Feedback Forms and Co-group Membership – Cllr Slater took this opportunity to encourage all present to complete their feedback forms especially Question 9 which invites attendees to make suggestions for future topics at future assemblies.

Cllr Slater also promoted the Whitefoot Assembly Coordinating Group, explaining the work of the group and encouraging anyone who wished to join it to contact Ali Williams, Whitefoot Local Assembly Coordinator at Ali.williams2@lewisham.gov.uk or

Tel: 020 8314 6293 or Mobile: 07834 145 007

Cllr. Slater then gave a brief overview of the role of the Coordinating Group which is to plan assembly meetings and to ensure the assembly is representative of the Whitefoot ward explaining that Co-group members should be familiar with their local area and should play a key role in promoting the Whitefoot Assembly.

An additional task of the group is to scrutinise funding applications to ensure that they meet the criteria set. The criteria will include the ward priorities, however the group may decide to look at other restrictions such as bid limits and targeting certain priorities.

An ideal Coordinating Group will have the following:

- Diverse age range, ethnic background and representative of the ward profile
- Representative from the third sector
- Local business
- Local community group or society
- Local residents
- Ward councillors

Dalmain Athletic – Girls ‘Fit and Healthy’ Footy Club – Graham Curtis of Dalmain Athletic Football Club gave an overview of the Girls ‘fit & Healthy’ Project which was awarded £1,724 of Assembly Funds to go towards this project.

Dalmain Athletic is based at Dalmain School, Brockley Rise and also makes use of Abbotshall Road Playing Fields where they run sessions on Saturdays. The Club has been going since 2011. In 2014 it was awarded the London F.A. Club of the Year for efforts in engaging young women.

The Club now has a young girl’s team and a women’s team. The sessions are fully funded by the F.A. so access to the sessions are FREE.

The Girls ‘Fit & Healthy’ Football Project aims to encourage young women who are still in school to get involved in football. There is an awareness among club members that girls/women do not get the same opportunities as boys/men in the footballing arena.

The project in particular aims to encourage girls in the Whitefoot Ward to be more active and exercise regularly by taking part in the girl’s football project.

On offer will be FREE coaching. Also on offer is the opportunity for players to join a Lewisham only girls Football Club, this will ensure sustainability of this project and that the girls remain active and healthy.

The Girls ‘Fit & Healthy’ football project will run across 3 stages as follows -

Stage 1- To run extra curricula taster sessions to be held in primary schools within Whitefoot Ward targeting Years 3 & 4. The 12 sessions, will be split between those schools wishing to participate.

Stage 2 – Organisation of a schools tournament. The schools involved in the project will be invited to take part in a tournament to put their new skills into practice.

Stage 3 – Invitations to all girls who took part in Stages 1 and 2 to attend 6 Community coaching sessions at the Club FREE of charge. The girls will be encouraged to join the club structure and to take part in regular exercise.

Number of people who will benefit from the project: 80-100

The project will specifically target girls in school years 3 & 4 within the ward. Schools involved in the project are as follows;

Downderry Primary School
Forster Park Primary School
Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School
Launcelot Primary School
Rangefield Primary School
St John Baptist CE Primary School

Update on the Youth Agency – Sarah Wickers gave an update on the Youth Agency which has been working closely with the Lewisham Young Advisors Group based at Lewisham Council Civic Suite. Promotion of the Youth Agency and recruitment of young people commenced in February 2016. Youth Agency members will help to shape the agency via practical place making projects. The projects will be confirmed by the end of this year. The Youth Agency will continue to visit existing clubs and activities for young people in the Whitefoot area to see how they can work in partnership.

The launch of the Youth Agency will take place at the Phoenix Festival which will take place on Saturday 14th May 2016 from 11.30am – 4.30pm at Forster Memorial Park, Lewisham. The festival has been running for 9 years and is a FREE event open to all.

The Youth Agency has been given a multi-use games area (MUGA) that is located in the Whitefoot Ward at Falkland House on the Bromley Road. The Agency is keen to partner with local sports groups and other clubs willing to share this facility – it can accommodate 4/5 clubs.

The Agency also secured funding to train young people interested in providing sports coaching at the site. This will be one of the first practical projects that the youth agency will work on. The Youth Agency will be looking for young people who would like to help design, build and use the MUGA.

There is a concrete area to the rear of Falkland House which Access Sports are keen to develop into a BMX Track.

The Youth Agency would like to run activities from this space which will be open to all members of the public and they are particularly keen to partnership with all groups, clubs, local residents etc. PC Julie Lloyd, Dedicated Ward Officer for Whitefoot advised that the Whitefoot SNT are involved with a cycling group which may like to get involved. PC Lloyd will follow this up.

Cllr. Daby promoted the Lewisham Bike Scheme. If you live, work or study in Lewisham, discovering if cycling suits you has never been easier. For £10 you can borrow a quality bike for a month. Included in the fee is a helmet, bike lock and high visibility vest. If, at the end of the month, you want to buy the bike, the scheme can offer some substantial discounts. They also offer free cycle lessons. For more information on the Bike Scheme please contact; Road Safety and Sustainable Transport
Tel: 020 8314 2254
Email: roadsafetyeducation@lewisham.gov.uk

Break

Update on Goldsmith's Community Centre – Sue East and Liz Wood gave an update on the Centre. At the time of the meeting the Centre was due to close for a period of 3 weeks to allow for the safe removal of asbestos in the loft space. Although the temporary closure will cause further disruption things are 'looking up'. It is hoped that by the end of April 2016 the Centre will be 'back up and running' though the summer programme has not yet been designed.

Update on the Whitefoot and Downham Community Parade celebrating Past, Present & Future – Cllr. Daby gave an introduction to the Parade from its inception at the end of 2014 to its current position. Cllr. Daby explained that the emphasis is on it being a Downham and Whitefoot Community event even though the route is mainly through the Whitefoot Ward. This was due to logistical reasons. Cllr. Daby was also keen to stress that both the Downham and Whitefoot Assemblies had contributed funds to go towards the Parade.

Many people have been involved in the planning of this event including members from both Assembly Coordinating groups, Phoenix Housing, who agreed to come on board and support the Parade in terms of offering a venue for meetings and in introducing Alex from Continental Drifts, an organisation involved in events management. Alex has not only

helped drive the progress of the event but has also submitted a funding bid to the Arts Council on the Parade Committee's behalf. Thanks also go to Kellie Blake, the Council's Events Coordinator and the police who helped significantly with the planning of the route. The local Police are policing the parade for free.

The Parade will take place on Saturday 14th May 2016 and will culminate at Forster Park where it will join the Phoenix Festival. Once inside the park the Parade will do one loop within the park. If you are on a float you will need to get off the float at Longhill Road as motorised vehicles cannot be allowed into the park for health and safety reasons.

If you are taking part in the Parade in a motorised float you will need to assemble between 8am and 8.30am. If you are walking, biking, wheel-chairing, skating etc. you must arrive by 9.00am. Everybody needs to be assembled by 10.30am.

The actual Parade will take place from 11am – 12pm.

For those that wish to start the march from Downham Health and Leisure Centre please be at the junction of Downderry Road by 11.15am.

When the main group meet The Downderry Road Junction, it was agreed that The Downderry Group would march behind the main group to Forster Park.

If you require more information on how to get involved please contact Alex Mahoney at Alex@continentaldrifts.co.uk T: +44(0)20 8365 9555 ext. 230

A question came from the floor relating to why the wider community were not yet aware of the existence of the parade or how they could get involved. Cllr. Daby explained the difficulties experienced in trying to organise the event due to many on the planning committee not having sufficient time to contribute fully and the general lack of resources. The production of the event has been down to a small group of committed, die-hard volunteers. It has taken an enormous effort from this small group to get the event to the stage it is at right now. It is in the last few days only that the final decision regarding the route has been established. The outcome of the funding bid submitted by Continental Drifts will not be known until the first week of April.

Now that the route has been finalised the event can be publicised. Alex and Ali will work together on this to ensure every household in both the Downham and Whitefoot Wards are made aware of the Parade and how to get involved. Networks in the Bellingham area will also be utilised to ensure Bellingham residents are involved.

In addition to the Parade, St. John the Baptist Church are holding various events. Revd Dr Martin Thomas explained that the Foundation Stone at St. John's Church was laid in 1926 and as such St. John's is also celebrating 90 years of existence alongside the Downham Estate.

There will be an exhibition of stories, photographs, Pathé news clips etc. celebrating the 90 Years of the Downham Estate from 14th - 28th May 2016, Monday to Saturday - 10am to 4pm at

St John the Baptist Church, 353 Bromley Road, London SE6 2RP

*The exhibition will not be open on Saturday 21 May

There will also be a 1920's Cabaret Evening on Saturday 21 May 7pm at St John the Baptist Church, 353 Bromley Road, London SE6 2RP – It will be a musical evening featuring local choirs and singers to celebrate 90 years of Downham. Tickets Inc. dinner £10

Lastly, on Sunday 22 May at 4pm at St John the Baptist Church, 353 Bromley Road, London, SE6 2RP there will be a Reminiscence Afternoon Tea gathering. This will be an opportunity to share memories and recollections of Downham, St Johns and the local area and hear from a local historian. Suggested donation £5.

For further information please contact Fr Martin Thomas on 07460 257 103 or email fathermartinthomas@gmail.com

Community Safety Update – PC Julie Lloyd, Dedicated Police Officer for the Whitefoot Ward introduced herself and PCSO Paul Wilson. PC Julie explained that two, new officers had joined the unit, Danielle, who was present at the Assembly and Matt. Both officers are being trained by PC Julie in preparation for their ‘passing out’ parade which will be in the very near future. Following the passing out parade both officers will join the Whitefoot/South Cluster Team. This team has x1 sergeant and x6 officers. PC Julie is the officer for Whitefoot, the other 5 officers are in the south cluster. PC Julie advised that the Whitefoot Team are ‘looking good’ at the moment and morale is high.

The team works closely with the Council’s Community Safety, Trading Standards and Licensing Team and Phoenix Housing. An example of successful partnership work is the recent eviction of a known drug-dealer. Information sharing and partnership working effected a positive result.

Current Issues –

There have been several arrests on public transport in the past few weeks.

Information has been received regarding electronic garage door openers that have the ability to interfere with the central locking systems on some cars. The community are urged to double check that their central locking is deployed before walking away from their vehicles.

Operation Bego is currently underway – this operation targets burglary and involves the deployment of plain clothes officers on surveillance.

The next Whitefoot Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel Meeting will take place on 12th April 2016 from 7pm – 9pm at the Greenman, Bromley Road.

Everyone is encouraged to look at the MET Webpage where you are invited to enter your postcode which will then show all the events including Ward Panel meetings and Police surgeries in your area.

Community Round Ups -

Goldsmith’s Community Centre – Summer Ball will be 11th June 2016 at the centre. There will be a big band, as with last year’s summer ball, a 3-course meal, table service and low cost tickets for local residents.

Phoenix Housing’s 9th Community Fun Day on the 14th May 2016 at Forster Park.

Community Teach Sport – Active Lifestyles for all at Abbotshall Road

AOB

Electoral Roll Registration for May election – Cllr. Slater advised that on 5 May 2016 people from across London have the chance to vote for the Mayor of London and the 25 Members of the London Assembly. The people you vote for in these elections are responsible for many aspects of everyday life – from the underground, local bus services and policing, to green spaces, air quality and Trafalgar Square. To have your say on 5 May you need to make sure that you are registered to vote by **18 April 2016**. You can do this on-line or complete the paper form and post it back to electoral services. You will need to provide your date of birth and national insurance number as identifying information.

The all new, improved LOVE LEWISHAM App launched – Cllr. Slater explained that the Council has taken another innovative step forward in the battle to keep streets clean and tidy while making local services more efficient and economic.

The LoveLewisham mobile app set the standard for many years in public services and has helped the Council's workforce and active citizens combine forces to ensure the quick identification and removal of graffiti, flytipping, abandoned vehicles and other environmental blights.

Now the Council has upgraded its technology significantly using open source code to save more money for local taxpayers and better serve both its own workforce on the streets and users of a variety of new and emerging, similarly open source-based, apps. The Council and our users are no longer tied to any particular app and dependent on fee-based providers who periodically demand expensive upgrades.

Council staff have developed a new generation of LoveLewisham for internal use saving £13,000 straight away. They have already used some of these savings to increase street sweepers, refuse collection staff and purchase new smartphones.

Using these new phones, Council staff on the street will now be able to put their own reports directly into the system, with no need for re-input of information back in the office. This frees up customer service staff time, which the Council estimates will save more than £100,000 and improve service response.

To report environmental problems use our website or download any open source based app like **FixMyStreet**.

Update on Future of Beckenham Place Park - Local people are being asked to help shape the future of Beckenham Place Park as the Council develops its detailed bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for an investment of £4.9m.

Lewisham Council's Mayor and Cabinet agreed at its meeting on Wednesday 17 February to proceed with a Stage 2 bid. It also agreed that, should the bid be successful, it would close the golf course by the end of the year to facilitate the redevelopment of the park. The course currently dominates the most historic parkland and entirely surrounds the key listed buildings in the park, which the Council aims to restore and find productive uses for in the future.

A new phase of public consultation will now take place during March and April on the park's designs that will include public meetings, surveys and work with young people. There will be an Easter Fun Day in the park on Saturday 26 March from 11am to 3pm when visitors will have a chance to view draft designs and give their views.

May and June will see a period of design verification with public displays and events before the Stage 2 bid is submitted in August. The result of the bid is expected by the end of the year.

Reminder – today is the last day for Broadway Theatre Consultation

Peoples Day - People's Day celebrates its 32nd year in 2016 in Mountsfield Park, Catford. This year the event takes place on Saturday 9 July, from noon until 8pm.

The festival extends comfortably across the entire park, and is expected to once again be split into four zones or areas, each designed with different ages, tastes and cultural preferences in mind. The event is free to attend and around 25,000 visitors are expected over the day with hundreds of community stalls and organisations, craft stalls from around the globe, performances from outstanding local talent and great entertainment throughout the day.

The event organisers would love to hear from talented performers, community groups, caterers, crafters and businesses who would like to get involved.

Applications to be an exhibitor or performer can be made and found online:

<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/events/whats-on/peoples-day/Pages/default.aspx>

If you Google People's Day and follow the first entry, it will take you to this location.

Deadlines for applications are as follows:

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| • Performers | 1 April |
| • Food traders | 1 April |
| • Businesses (participants) | 20 May |
| • Community and voluntary organisations | 20 May |
| • Craft application | 27 May |

Adult Learning Lewisham (ALL)

- ALL offers nationally recognized qualifications in English, Maths, ESOL and Childcare as well as GCSE qualifications in English and Maths – courses are FREE.
- ALL offers a wide variety of general interest courses, from floristry to photography, to clothes making, languages, cookery and computing – from beginners to more advanced levels.
- ALL also offers an extensive family learning programme where children and parents can learn together. Courses are run at ALL main centres, children's centres and schools. Most courses are FREE of charge. Further details can be found on the website.
- There are three main centres in Lewisham – Brockley, Central Lewisham and Grove Park (a few minutes walk from Grove Park Train Station).
- ALL offers reduced fees for the over 65's, and concessionary fees for people claiming JSA and ESA.
- ALL run a free CV writing workshop which takes place every Tuesday at Catford Library from 10am-12noon. It is a drop in session so you can drop in as and when you want to.

**Date and time of Next Whitefoot Assembly - Tuesday 12th July 2016 – 7-9pm St. Venue
TBC**

Close of Meeting