

**LADYWELL ASSEMBLY  
MEETING**  
**Thursday 29 June 2017 7.00pm – 9.00pm**  
**St Andrew's Centre**  
**Brockley Road, London SE4 2SA**

**Record of Meeting**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, Introduction &amp; Format of meeting</b>	
	Cllr Bill Brown welcomed everyone and went through the format of the meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Update</b>	
	Apologies was received from the SNT for this meeting. The written update sent by the team was read out by the chair. The chair expressed that any questions raised from the update would be fed back to the team by email.	
<b>3</b>	<b>A review of the Assembly Priority Plan</b>	
	<p>Members of the Assembly coordinating committee has met to discuss the logistics to approach the discussion on the priority review. They came up with a suggestion that discussion is focused around four themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable housing</li> <li>• Youth (covering apprenticeship linked with local business)</li> <li>• Community Safety</li> <li>• Air Quality and pollution</li> </ul> <p>These are issues that have been raised at previous meeting and with the 3 Councillors.</p> <p>An exercise would take place during the course of the meeting where people would be invited to list the issues of concern under each theme and suggests possible solutions on how they can be addressed or moved forward. It was explained that all the suggestions collected from the exercise would be pulled together and presented to the Assembly at a future meeting.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Feedback from Assembly funded project</b>	
	<p><u>Brockley Max Art in the Park</u> This event was held on Hilly Fields as part of the Brockley Max Festival on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The festival was attended by over 10000 people of all ages. There were live performance from choirs, dancers and musicians of varied ages, ranging from 4 to</p>	

57 years. Over 30 people volunteered at the event, creating an opportunity for them to gain new skills and valuable work experience.

Around 124 children attended the art workshop, 60 children attended the story telling sessions with sessions held in different languages (English, French and Spanish) this year. One of the main sponsor of the event was the Brockley Pond, a main attraction for children. People can view pictures taken at the event on the group Facebook page.

#### Ladywell Street Art

Joe O'Donnell, the project proposal was introduced to the meeting. An image of what the area looks like before and after the completion of the Art work under the railway bridge on Elmira Street was presented to the meeting. The project was delivered in partnership with the Bread Collection who were engaged to paint the art work. The preferred design was presented and approved by the Assembly at their last meeting. Many positive comments has been left on the group social media site about the project.

#### The Pye Project

One of the director from the organisation updated the meeting on the knife / crime prevention programme funded through the assembly. There has been some delays in delivering the project for a number of reasons. Funding allocation came through late and this resulted in staff already secured to deliver the programme leaving the project to pursue other works. Also an incidents which occurred at the Adventure Playground in April, the venue for the delivery of the project also resulted in further delays. The project is very hopeful that delivery will begin at the beginning of the school holidays right through to the end of August.

#### First Principle Parenting

The project coordinators from First Principles Parenting provided an update on their project. The aim of the project was to support Prendergast School in its overall parental engagement strategy. Various methods was used to promote the programme including sending out weekly text message to parent via parent mail and speaking with parent on school collection amongst other ways. Two sessions has taken place to date. These were introductory / taster session and session one of the core programme. It was reported that the project has experience lower than expected take-up in parental engagement. Future programme has been re-tailored to address this.

#### Three Peak Walk

A brief description of the project was provided. This project was launched last year July with over 150 people turning up for the challenge walk. Some of the fund was also used to produce a walk route guide which has become very popular amongst residents and business. Around two and half thousand pounds was raised from the sale of the challenge map and t-shirts. Proceed from the sale was given to two local charity, The Steven Lawrence Foundation and For Jimmy. There is around 2-3 thousands maps now in circulation. This year annual three peak challenge will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, from 11am at Hilly

	Fields.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Plans for the restoration of Ladywell Playtower</b>	
	<p>The Council is running a competition process to find a development partner to take on the restoration of Ladywell Playtower. The expression of interest went live at the beginning of January 2017 via the project website – <a href="http://www.ladywellplaytower.co.uk">www.ladywellplaytower.co.uk</a>.</p> <p>After a very successful marketing and promotional campaign the Council received 24 expression of interests from a wide variety of organisations at the end of February 2017 from which the top 5 proposals were shortlisted to move forward to the next stage. This stage involves bidders providing an in-depth proposal which identify the buildings intended use, a robust business plan, proof of concept, conservation and local value. The deadline for these submission was set for 14<sup>th</sup> July, after which the Council will run a number of local consultation activities allowing residents the opportunity to comment on the bidders proposals. All the shortlisted bids will be evaluated and a number of recommendations delivered to Mayor and Cabinet in September 2017 for a final decision.</p> <p><b>The consultation exercise:</b></p> <p><b>Kick-off event</b> – Residents from Ladywell and Lewisham Central wards would be invited to a presentation bidders would showcase their outlined designs and propose uses for the renewal of the building. Residents would have the opportunity to view and comment on the ideas displayed. This session is proposed to take place on either 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p><b>Online Questionnaire</b> – Each bidders would be asked to produce an information pack summarising their proposals which will be made available online and comments invited.</p> <p><b>Drop –in session</b> – A number of local drop in sessions would be organised for residents to ask questions and comments on the proposal.</p> <p><b>Site boards</b> – information boards will go up on the site boundary at Ladywell Road so that passers-by can see the proposals and provide feedbacks through the on-line links.</p> <p>The three Ladywell Councillors have expressed concerns to council officers about the timing of holding the consultation in the summer holiday. They wish to see involvement of local people in the process and in getting their views across on what final project they do or do not want. The Councillors and the assembly coordinating group volunteers deemed the date proposed for the consultation process as inappropriate and have proposed to officers to move the date to September.</p>	

6	Feedback from the Priority Review Exercise	
	<p>The lead for each of the priority themed headings were invited to feedback on the top issues collected under each heading.</p> <p><u>Youth Provision</u>  An overview of current provision for young people in Ladywell were outlined. Some of the suggested issues of concerns which people would like to see the assembly focus on were listed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing opportunities for youth apprenticeship – i.e. self-build training apprenticeship</li> <li>• Arts skills workshops and public display of works created by young people</li> <li>• Encouraging more young people to participate in sports and arts</li> <li>• Ensure that young people with Special Education Needs (SEN) and disabilities are included in main provisions</li> <li>• Outings, trips and residential i.e. macaroni woods, Kingswood, Chessington, London Zoo and seaside</li> <li>• Create music studio space at St Andrews where youth talent can be supported</li> <li>• Develop more youth groups to reduce violence and antisocial behaviour</li> <li>• When Place Ladywell is developed, include skating ring, youth meeting space and cinema</li> <li>• Cooking and baking classes</li> <li>• Arrange trips to visit houses of parliament with local MP</li> </ul> <p><u>Air Quality / Pollution</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce traffic in Ladywell road during rush hour</li> <li>• Raise parking permit fee for cars owner to put people off driving</li> <li>• Grant assistance to upgrade heating systems in domestic homes – energy efficiency</li> <li>• Narrow carriage way, add more cycle lane instead (shared spaces does not work)</li> <li>• Legislation at regional / national level. All new built, blocks of flats to have a certain percentage of green spaces (grassy area etc.) in comparison to the size of the building</li> <li>• More street trees. One by the station near the new flats</li> <li>• Provision of bike hangers for people to store their bikes on the street safely</li> <li>• Air quality along main roads is poor. This includes Ladywell High Street which suffers from long lines of cars backed up during rush hours. Would alleviating backup at the Gateway roundabout resolve this?</li> <li>• Run a campaign to stop people running their engine when idling (it's a campaign running in other areas)</li> <li>• The new 20mph must be enforced</li> <li>• Council Tax reductions for households with Hybrid cars</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage kids to walk to school</li> <li>• Support people with Electric or plug –in Hybrid cars</li> </ul> <p><u>Community Safety</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy contact telephone to reach the local police not just 101</li> <li>• Encourage people to be responsible for their environment. Take part in reacting to antisocial behaviour</li> <li>• Increased in drug dealing in Ladywell</li> <li>• Measures to stop ASBO style activities - motorcycles and scooters from speeding in public places such as Parks</li> <li>• Youths hanging around before and after school in Greatfiled Close</li> <li>• More PCSOs seen in the area</li> <li>• Education to deter young people carrying weapons (worrying – seeing kids waving 12inch knives in Shell Road)</li> <li>• Help / support local people on how best to react to begging, antisocial. Empower people to know what practical steps can be taken</li> <li>• Faster action for antisocial behaviour from police</li> <li>• Ensure trees and shrubs are not overgrown so people can hide in them</li> </ul> <p><u>Affordable Housing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop converting public / private assets into housing. Build new!</li> <li>• Council should take over empty properties in the ward. They are health and fire hazard.</li> <li>• Regulate Lewisham ethical letting company to stop them ripping people off</li> <li>• Hike Council Tax on empty properties</li> <li>• Influence the planning process to ensure developers include a significant percentage of general affordable housing in any new development planning applications</li> <li>• Encourage more housing developments led by community trusts like RUSS. Let RUSS run workshop for the community</li> <li>• Draw up a neighbourhood plan and use it to identify sites for affordable housing (Community led)</li> </ul>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Community update and any other business</b>	
7.1	<p><b>Update from Brockley Society</b></p> <p>An open day is taking place at the Brockley and Ladywell Cemetery on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 11am to 4.30pm at the Ladywell Cemetery chapel. The group are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year with a couple of activities lined up this will include a nature walk for visitors of all ages.</p>	

7.2	<p><b>Ladywell Self Build Project</b></p> <p>A representative from RUSS gave a brief announcement about the self-build project. The group was recently approached by Spacehive to launch a crowdfunding campaign to self-build a community space on the site they have acquired in Ladywell. The group plans to use the space to create a knowledge hub for self-build, test ideas and consults with the local community on their future goal of creating a permanent community space that can bring new and existing community together. There was a call for people to get in touch with the group for further information about the self-build project.</p>	
8	<p><b>Declaration of interest</b></p>	
	<p>There were no interest declared at this meeting.</p>	