

**LEWISHAM CENTRAL LOCAL ASSEMBLY  
MEETING  
Saturday 10 March 2018 12pm – 2pm  
Hither Green Baptist Church Hall  
Theodore Road, London SE13**

**Record of Meeting**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, Introduction &amp; Format of meeting</b>	
	Cllr Stella Jeffrey welcomed everyone and went through the format of the meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Sugar Smart Lewisham campaign</b>	
	<p>A talk on how to reduce sugar in diets was presented by the Council’s Director for Public Health as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sugar Smart Lewisham is working to reduce the amount of food and drinks containing sugar</li> <li>• The scheme is partnering with local organisations to raise awareness of the scheme and to promote healthier options</li> <li>• Lewisham population like many other borough in inner city London has many health challenges, the greatest of which is child obesity</li> <li>• Some facts and figures of children’s weight when they enter reception in comparison to when they leave school at age 11 were said to be worrying. Around 22% of children entering reception school year are said to be already overweight and obese. This equates to one in four children.</li> <li>• By the time they leave primary school, 38% are already overweight. This varies around the borough. There are some schools where over 47% percent of children in school are classed as overweight.</li> <li>• This figures varies between the affluent and the poorest area of the borough</li> <li>• The difference in ethnicity is also said to be a contributory factor to obesity and poor health. The figures presented shows a high rate of obesity in children from Black African and Caribbean ethnicity. Some of this figures could be attributed to the fact that genetically, people from this ethnic have more muscle mass.</li> <li>• Around 60% of the adult population in the borough are overweight. This creates a number of health risk including diabetic, heart disease and stroke.</li> <li>• Every year around 7000 legs are amputated in the UK as a result of diabetic complications.</li> <li>• The prediction for obese children are that by 2030 around 50% of the British adult population would be obese. This equates to half the population who are predicted to have a shorter lifespan than the present day adult.</li> <li>• Some example of sugar in drinks were highlighted. For</li> </ul>	

	<p>instance, one can of coca cola isd said to contains eight tea spoon of sugar. The recommended intake of sugar for adult in a day should be 7 teaspoon of sugar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This campaign was started by Public Health Lewisham about a year ago. Since then around 90 businesses in Lewisham has signed up for Sugar Smart Campaign.</li> <li>• A number of schools has also signed up for the campaign, encouraging their pupils to eat healthy diet and drink water after a meal.</li> <li>• There was a call for people to pledge their support for the campaign by signing the pledge forms and handing a letter to businesses and organisations in their area asking them to become Sugar Smart.</li> </ul> <p>A session of questions and answers followed the presentation.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Team Update</b>	
	<p>Representative from the SNT were not available at the meeting however, a presentation received from the team was read out by the chair as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The top reported crimes for January were assault without injury, violence and micselenious theft</li> <li>• 3 juvenile has been arrested after they were identified by the team and caught in the act. It is believed that they have been involved in around 31 push bikes theft offences across the ward</li> <li>• One adult male and and an adult female were arrested for breach of their suspended sentence. Both were known burglar</li> <li>• Four drug warants has been executed with positive outcomes from arrest and issue of tickets of warning.</li> <li>• The team is working with Lewisham Shopping Centre, Glassmill Leisure Centre, Lewisham Council and local schools to combat antisocial behaviour by school children before and after school in the Centre of Lewisham</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Contact Point</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The team are planning to hold 2 days per week community contact point on Wednesday and Thursday from 12pm till 4pm until the end of March at the Glassmill Leisure Centre. Sessions would be advertised on social media i.e. Facebook, Twitter and on the Met Web page</li> <li>• Anyone with other recommendation of where they would like officers to hold the session is asked to contact the team.</li> <li>• The next Lewisham Central Ward Panel meeting will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 from 7pm onward at Lewisham Police Station. Anyone interested in attending the meeting is asked to contact the team by telephoning 07980 233 878 or 020 8721 2481 or by emailing - SNTPL- <a href="mailto:LewishamCentral@met.pnn.police.uk">LewishamCentral@met.pnn.police.uk</a> Follow the team on Twitter :- @MPSLewishamCntl @MPSLewishamTC @MPSLewisham Facebook – Lewisham Central Police</li> </ul>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Flytipping and Enforcement</b>	

	<p>An officer from the Council Clean Street Enforcement Team provided an explanation on the Council's efforts in combating flytipping across the borough. A brief explanation of the role and responsibilities of the Street Enforcement Team were explained as follows:</p> <p><b>What the team is responsible for</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforcement of Environmental Legislation</li> <li>• Tackling environmental crimes that happens around the borough e.g. flytipping of industrial waste, domestic waste and commercial waste</li> <li>• Deals with issues with regards to litter. This will include litter from local businesses e.g. slips from Betting Shops, empty boxes of take away meal etc. It was said that local businesses are responsible for litter on the street produced from their businesses. In this case the Council will serve the respective business with a notice where evidence has been found on the streets.</li> <li>• The team also deals with illegal street trading e.g people selling products on public highways. The explanation was provided that the Public Liability Insurance for the shops will not cover goods sold outside of the shop.</li> <li>• Fines - the Council can impose up to a maximum of £400 on low level flytipping.</li> </ul> <p>Questions were invited from the floor.</p> <p>A map was also provided at the meeting where people were tasked with identifying hot spots area on the map where flytipping is a problem. The information collected from this exercise would be shared with the Clean Street Enforcement Team in order that follow up action could be taken.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Reporting back from Assembly funded project</b></p>	
	<p>The coordinator from the Linking Lives Befriending Project, a project funded from the 2016-17 Assembly fund updated the meeting on how the funding award received from the Assembly has been spent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of the fund was to provide an established befriending scheme to support isolated people in Lewisham Central ward</li> <li>• The project main tasks were to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Organise 4 community coffee mornings in sheltered accommodations across the ward</li> <li>2. Have systems and processes in place to run an efficient befriending service</li> <li>3. Registered as a project</li> <li>4. Target / befriend 10 individuals in Lewisham Central ward, providing home visits once a week or fortnightly, supporting and signposting them to places where they can access community activities as appropriate.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>Project achievements to date</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The focus was to have systems and processes in place to run</li> </ul>	

	<p>an efficient Befriending Project and this was achieved. On 26<sup>th</sup> August, Lewisham Central Linking Lives was registered as a project under the National Linking lives Programme by the Natinoal Coordinator Jeremy Sharpe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 Volunteers have so far received training and are now qualified to deliver befriending project. An additional 4 volunteers are waiting assessment, interview and training.</li> </ul> <p><b>Referrals to the project</b></p> <p>Clients were referred to Linking Lives through various organisations and bodies including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Social Services</li> <li>• Lewisham Community Connections Scheme</li> <li>• Lewisham &amp; Bromley Mind Care as well as</li> <li>• Invidual referrals</li> </ul> <p>It was reported that 8 referrals were returned as the individuals requiring support resides outside of the catchment area.</p> <p>The work of the project varies from client to client according to their needs. Some statistics of the numbers of clients supported so far on this project were provided. Out of the 11 clients supported, 5 were aged 70 years and above, 3 were in their 60s and 2 in their 80s. The youngest of those supported was aged 49. Referring agencies have found it difficult to find a friend for him, Linking lives found a telephone volunteer for this person.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Councillors Update</b></p>	
	<p>The meeting received the news of Cllr Egan’s selection as the Labour Party Candidate for the upcoming Mayoral Election in Lewisham. This would be the last appearance for 2 of the 3 asd Lewisham Central Councillors, as Cllr Stella Jeffrey would be stepping down in May.</p> <p>Cllr Egan and Jeffrey thanked everyone for their support over the years and provided a brief overview of some of the Challenges Faced by the Council since 2008 when they were elected as Councillors. Some key points reported were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council budget cuts by Central Government – Lewisham Budget was £400m in 2008. There has been a systematic reduction in this budget over a number of year leaving the current budget at £230m. Further reduction of around £45-£50m is still being considered.</li> <li>• In spite of the cuts, many local organisations and community groups has stepped and kept most servces going. An appreciation and recognition of the efforts of many local organisations and community groups in keeping services going in Lewisham Central and across the borough regardless of the budget cuts were commended. The supports provided through schemes like the Assembly programme and Community First Programme were also commended. Nearly a quater of a million has been allocated to support activities ansd services for the community from both schemes.</li> <li>• The little funding allocated to the assembly helps community</li> </ul>	

	<p>groups to start off many activities. The Council gets many benefits from people keeping the community together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the development aspect, a planning application for the development of the Carpet Right site has been approved by the Council. It is proposed that the Community Infrastructure levy accrued from this development will go towards the upgrade of the train station.</li> <li>• The revised plans for the second phase of the Gateway Development is currently being considered by the Council. Funding is also being sought to cover the provision of Affordable Housing within the development.</li> <li>• Lewisham Central now has a growing population in comparison to 2008 resulting from new development on Marischal Road, the Reinnascance building on Loampit Vale and the Gateway development in the Town Centre. A development proposed for Tesco car park was also mentioned.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Update from Assembly Commissioned Project – Greening Lewisham</b></p>	
	<p>The Coordinator of this project updated the meeting on what has been achieved so far, using the funding secured from the assembly to deliver various environmental improvements across the ward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An explanation of a logo representing Lewisham and its wider community, funded by the assembly and developed by a local resident was presented to the meeting. The project has also developed a logo for Greening Lewisham projects. The plan is to have this logo displayed on all areas which have benefited from programme improvements works.</li> <li>• A number of improvements which has taken place across various sites in the ward were highlighted. This includes a recent tree planting programme on Lower Hither Green Lane, the approach into Lewisham. This project was delivered by Brockley Sreet Trees for Living. Local residents volunteers adopted the trees for two years while the tree establishes.</li> <li>• The project also enabled the provision of 4 large planters outside Place Ladywell and the replacements of street planters at Hither Green Station. Works were delivered by volunteers from Hither Green Community Association.</li> <li>• An additional 4 large planters were provided and planted at the entrance of Lewisham Shopping Centre on the High Street. This project was delivered by Lewisham Gardens in conjunction with Good Gym and local residents.</li> <li>• Bulbs and wild flowers were planted on Molesworth Street stone beds. These wroks was delivered by Lewisham Gardens partnering with volunteers from the Good Gym.</li> <li>• Further planting was delivered on a piece of land next to the DLR Station entrance on Loampit, outside the GlassMill Leisure Centre, open spaces on Almira Road and Pine Tree Road.</li> <li>• A River cleaning session to clear out the river quaggy by Cornmill Gardens was held in 2017</li> <li>• Clearing and Painting of the rear of Lewisham Library and an alleyway at Burton’s Yard, off lewisham High street and the application of anti-urine paint to the lower wall to deter people using the area as toilet as also flagged as another success of</li> </ul>	

	<p>the scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are plans to install new Highway and Pedestrian signage around Lewisham Town Centre, signposting people to amenities and Heritage sites, to raise awareness of local Parks and Lewisham 3 rivers and seating area. This project will be delivered by Lewisham highways in the summer.</li> <li>• The Springbank Community Garden was cited as a flagship project delivered by Hither Green Community Association and Greening Lewisham. The improvements to this garden won the London in Bloom award in 2017</li> <li>• A set back in the plans to have a mural painted on the bridge arches outside Lewisham Station on Loampit Vale was reported. The proposal was to have a wrap round mural under the arches of the bridge in yellow and blue circulation colours. Permission to have a cherry picker on the section of the road to deliver this work were declined by TFL for safety reasons.</li> <li>• An alternative plan was proposed to the meeting to have the mural painted on the bridge arches next to the Glassmill Leisure Centre. A comment that having the mural painted at the alternative location will have less impact than the original site proposed.</li> </ul>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	<p><b>Lewisham Local Toilet Project</b></p> <p>Lewisham Local has partnered with local businesses to provide more clean, safe and accessible toilets that are open to the public at no cost during normal opening hours. Members of the Lewisham Community Toilets include local businesses, cafes, community centres and libraries whose toilets facilities are available for people to use. Some have wheelchair access and baby changing facilities.</p> <p>An appeal for people to encourage their local shops with accessible and clean toilet to join the scheme.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Declaration of interest</b>	
	There were no interest declared at this meeting	