

**LEE GREEN LOCAL ASSEMBLY  
MEETING**

**Tuesday 3 October 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>	
	<p>Cllr Simon Hooks welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the agenda for the meeting. A brief overview on the assembly process were provided for the benefit of the people attending the meeting for the first time.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Update from the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team</b>	
	<p>PC Mitchell Oates and PCSO Abi Krukowski from the Lee Green Police Safer Neighbourhood Team provided a general update on the works their team have been doing over the last 3 months across the ward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The team has been reduced from 8 PCs to 1 PC and 1 PCSO and a line manager</li> <li>• One main issue highlighted from the last meeting around youth on bikes remains a priority for the team. One youth has since been arrested for cycling on the pavement and assaulting a member of the public. The case was charged to court and the culprit was given a youth conditional caution, stopping them from riding a bike in public or be seen congregating with other youth in Lee Green</li> <li>• A significant good results in the area lately with the seizure of £100,000 worth of cannabis from an address, the team also executed the removal of a dangerous dog from another address</li> <li>• Residents were encouraged to contact the team about any suspicious activities. Such information can be sent by email or by telephoning the Lee Green SNT on 07920 233 877. This is a non-emergency number. In an emergency people should call 999 otherwise call the 101 number for non-emergencies.</li> <li>• Antisocial behaviour by beggars around Hither Green station was also highlighted as a problem. Partnership work has begun with the homeless housing provider and British Transport Police to address the situation.</li> <li>• The team also announced that in future they hope to combine the police ward panel meeting with the assembly. This is felt to be a more effective and beneficial method to reach more audience. What is therefore proposed is that the ward panel would be disbanded and greater attention would be focused on the Assembly meeting instead.</li> </ul> <p>A question and answer session followed this update</p>	

<b>3</b>	<b>Role of the Coordinating Group Volunteers</b>	
	<p>Andy Thomas from the Council Culture and Community Team provided an explanation on the role of the assembly coordinating group volunteers. The Assembly programme has been running for over 10years. When they were set up, there were a couple of principles that were important to the programme. One of which was that they were more than just a quarterly meeting. The other was to have a measure of independence about them. To ensure that these principles were kept, the idea of establishing a coordinating group was put forward.</p> <p>The coordinating group is made up of local people and provides an independent voice from the Council. Although the Council in the background helps to organise the meeting, a group of local people have taken on the responsibilities for what happens at each meetings and any other works that goes on in between meeting. Membership is open to all residents and anyone wishing to join is asked to speak with Ade during the break.</p> <p>Another vital role of the group is to assist in the setting of the assembly priorities and agree what the programmes of work will be and part of that involves the administration of the assembly funding. The coordinating group also plays a part in setting the priorities for the assembly fund and agrees them with the assembly. When the applications for funding is submitted, they go through a sifting process and ensures that the bids are within the priorities of the assembly and meet the criteria of the fund. Members of the coordinating group present at the meeting were invited to introduce themselves.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Assembly fund bids presentation</b>	
	<p>A short introductory statement was presented by the chair on the bids to be presented. A total of nine bids was received by the closing date. Seven of them were approved by the coordinating committee as they have satisfied the relevant criteria for funding. A short summary of the reasons for rejecting the 2 bids which did not make the recommendation would be discussed during the course of the meeting. Representatives from the groups whose bids have been recommended for consideration by the coordinating group were invited to present their bids to the meeting. The seven groups were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Friends and Users of Staplehurst Road Shops (FUSS)</li> <li>• Lee Green Lives</li> <li>• Lee Green Consortium</li> <li>• Lee Fair Share</li> <li>• Lee Green Street trees</li> <li>• South London Counselling &amp; Support Services</li> <li>• Meglish Conversation College</li> </ul>	

The total bids came to £13,563.98

Rather than taking a vote on each of the bids individually, the chair asked people to indicate by show of hands if they would be happy to take a vote on all the bids together. The preference was to vote for each project individually.

Following a vote by show hands all the projects proposed for funding was approved by the meeting.

The chair also provided a brief reasons on the two bids that the Coordinating group looked at but felt didn't satisfy the funding criteria sufficient enough for recommendation to the assembly.

#### Family Health ISIS

- The main issue that the committee had with this application was that it was not clear on what it proposes to use the fund for.
- Also that there were no evidence that they will be targeting people from Lee Green. But rather, it was seen to be a project that aims to benefit people from other areas. One of the facts that the coordinating aims for is to ensure that majority of the benefits if not all are for Lee Green residents. Where a projects cross boundaries, then the expectation would be to see some fund contributed from the other areas and this does not seem to be the case in this instance. All the funding was being requested from Lee Green Assembly.
- The group were not satisfied that there was sufficient need for this project

#### Live Lee – Rat run control idea

- The committee supports the overall aim of this project as it fits in with the assembly Local plan actions on traffic and transport strands. A couple of motions had been previously passed at the last assembly which supports the aims of the group to look at ways to deal with this issue. The main issues however for the rejection were around the specifics of the bid
- The committee felt that the processes and timings specified for the delivery seem impractical and unrealistic in the sense that funding for all approved bids has to be fully spent by end of November of the following year. The input received from the Highways team at the Council also supports that this cannot be achieved with the timeline specified for the bid.
- A further concern was also that the funding specified in the bid does not seem to cover all that would be needed for the project such as the signage, consultation process etc.
- It was noted that the bid had not considered the issues beyond the initial roads specified in the bid where the changes are proposed. No broader remit within the ward has been taken into consideration.
- Given all of the above the committee took the view that one of the best ways in which to move this matter forward would be to make traffic the main point for discussion at the November Assembly meeting. All the local groups that have an interest in the subject would be encouraged to attend the meeting and contribute to the discussions / ideas on the ways to deal with rat running in the ward. The head of the Council's Highway

	<p>department will be attending the meeting to take any questions people may have on this issue.</p> <p>The question was asked about what would happen to the underspend. The chair responding explained that this will be kept in the assembly budget for the meantime and would later be transferred into Lee Green Lives for the assembly. Throughout the year if another project comes up that satisfies the criteria they would be presented to the assembly for their consideration and approval.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Latest on Leegate redevelopment</b>	
	<p>Cllr Jim Mallory updating the meeting informed that Asda has pulled out of the planning application submitted by St Modwen. This leaves the owners of the centre with a planning application approved but a key component of it making the scheme non-viable. Since then St Modwen has held a public consultation in Leegate at the beginning of July in which they put forward an alternative plan.</p> <p>The Assembly Leegate Working Group has convened a response to the proposal. The group although felt the plan were of considerable improvement and were supportive of some of its aspects. However, there still remains a little concerns most of which were around the housing provisions. The group wish to ensure that the increase in the amount of housing will include genuinely affordable housing. There were further issues around the additional housing which will contribute to the need for additional school places and greater health facilities requirement in the area which needed to be met.</p> <p>Although the group welcomes the loss of Asda which will result in the reduction of traffic and pollution to the area whilst the group awaits the result of the impact assessment. Also of a particular concerns is the proposal for a community space which was said to be negotiable. There has been a commitment in principle by St Modwen to meet with planners and the working group before a revised alternative application is submitted. This is hope to take place towards the end of October. Meanwhile, the Section 106 fund (Also known as the community gains on planning application) on the initial planning application is yet to be negotiated. This largely affects the community centre and the commitment by St Modwen to include a community facility in those plans. It is hoped that more information would be available by the November assembly on planning application two which is hoped would have been formally submitted by then.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Lewisham bid for borough of culture</b>	
	<p>In the Summer the mayor of London made an announcement about a borough of culture competition. The scheme is about using art and culture to make a difference to people's lives. Lewisham already has a good track record for the use of art and culture to make a real</p>	

	<p>difference. There is a million and a half pound prize for the winner. Winning the competition could also attract additional investment to the borough. People were being asked for their ideas on how to use art and culture to make a difference, what are the issues that needs to be addressed and how to celebrate art and culture across the borough. People were also encouraged to think about the hidden arts and culture in their area.</p> <p>How can people help to support the bid? There is a social media campaign which people can tweet using #loveitlewisham or by visiting <a href="http://www.loveitlewisham.co.uk">www.loveitlewisham.co.uk</a></p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Celebrating volunteering in Lee Green</b>	
	<p>One of the idea that came through from the discussion at one of the consortium meeting was a wish to celebrate and enable volunteers to get together in a way which will encourage them to start networking, get to know each other and to feel they are valued and supported.</p> <p>An event is planned for this purpose on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, at the Lochaber Hall. The Coordinator for the Lee Green Community Centre will be contacting all the groups to encourage them to get their volunteers to attend. This event is being supported by the new management at the Manor House Library and the management committee of the Lochaber Hall. Each of the community groups are being asked to brings an item of food component which can be used for a raffle. Meal will be buffet style. The plan is still in early stage, further information to be provided.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Community updates and any other business</b>	
	<p>People were encouraged to visit the Assembly community website at <a href="http://leegreen.london">leegreen.london</a></p>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Declaration of interest</b>	
	<p>There were no interest declared at this meeting.</p>	