

**LEE GREEN LOCAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING**

**Wednesday 29 November 2017 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Trinity Church of England Secondary School
Taunton Road, London SE12**

Record of Meeting

	Items	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	<p>Cllr Jim Mallory welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the agenda for the meeting. A brief overview on the assembly process was provided for the benefit of the people attending the meeting for the first time.</p>	
2	Assembly funding bid presentation	
	<p>A member of the Manor Park User's Group presented their project proposal to the meeting. The group is seeking funding from the Assembly to enable a temporary repairs to the leaking roof of the community room in Manor Park. The amount of £635 is required to seal a couple of leaks. The remaining £50 is needed to install grids around the shelving to the heating radiators in the room to allow more efficient convection heating. This will make it more pleasant on very cold days and reduce heating bill.</p> <p>The community room is used for various community activities including art and craft, painting, jewellery making, experimental and classical music, yoga, bike repair, mind workshop, dance workshop, table tennis tournament, tai chi, and live jazz. The room is also used by schools for outdoor environmental education and serves as a meeting place for community groups. Following a vote by show hands, the project was approved by the meeting.</p>	
3	Police Safer Neighbourhood Update	
	<p>PC Oates from the Lee Green Safer Neighbourhood Team updated the meeting on the works that the team has been doing over the last 3 months as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been some difficulties in getting people to participate in the neighbourhood panel meeting as such the team announced that they will no longer be hosting the police panel meeting. This will be replaced by a regular presentation / update at future assembly meeting in order to reach a wider audience. • A brief explanation of the responsibilities of officers within the team was provided and where the demands are. • A presentation which gives an understanding of where the team stands as a ward in comparison with others across the borough and the issues of concerns within Lee Green was provided. • Crime statistic from July to October 2017 were provided. As a whole this seems to be decreasing except for the theft from 	

motor vehicle which is on the rise notable in the month of October.

What are the police doing about it?

- The team has disseminate intelligence briefings to the Emergency Response Team to make them aware of a recent spike of theft from motor vehicle in Lee Green
- Uniform and non-uniform officers on patrol in known hotspots
- Engaging local hostels which accommodates offenders with previous convictions for theft from motor vehicles, burglary etc.
- Active use of social media to give crime prevention

How does Lee Green compare with other areas?

Lee Green has the second lowest crime stats in the borough for the month of September and October. In comparison to London wide, London records 8 crimes per 1000, Lee green has 5 to 1000.

With Christmas fast approaching burglary is a hot topic. Last year saw a huge spate of burglary in the run up to Christmas mainly where crow bars used to gain access into properties through sash windows. Some burglary prevention advice were provided as follows:

- The police recommends that windows are fitted with locks to protect homes.
- Marking belongings using forensic property marking
- Fitting alarm and cctv camera particularly in business premises
- Keep all high valuable items and cash in a safe bolted to the floor.

SNT Priorities for Lee Green – important to the community

- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle crime
- Antisocial behaviour

Some success Stories reported

- The team closed 3 cannabis factory in the last 3 months' with an estimated street value of over £150,000. Offenders was charged and sentenced
- Arrested a known drug dealer in Woodstock Court. Offender admitted possession of Class A drug and was subsequently charged and convicted
- A female known to cause antisocial behaviour around Staplehurst Road was arrested for assaulting a police officer and would be returning to prison
- Partnership work commenced with Lewisham Council Crime and Enforcement Team to try and tackle begging at Hither Green Station.
- In relation to the issues of kids on bike, the main offender has been charged with cycling offences and assaulting a female
- Generally, there has been a reduction in ASB related calls
- The team has had a dangerous dog warrants where a dog has bitten someone and attacked their dog. The owner has been charged with offences relating to dangerous dog.

Questions and concerns which the team can respond to at the next meeting were invited from the floor.

	<p>Q1 – Is there any correlation with the area around rough sleepers in Manor Park?</p> <p>R – The team are aware of the issue and are investigating this matter. They have noted that those rough sleepers have now moved to a specific address nearby. The matter will be dealt with by either using a warrant or by locating the owner and putting pressure on them to evict them. The police has keys to the Park and would usually check the park for rough sleepers whenever they are on late shift.</p> <p>Q2 - Beggars at locations on Burnt Ash Hill and Staplehurst Road were highlighted.</p> <p>R- The team is aware of both locations and have a list in their office. Where officers are witness to such activities whilst on patrol, the individual will be arrested.</p>	
4	Manor House Library – How it has been working since opening as a community library	
	<p>The director of V22 updated the meeting on the progress they have made since the transfer of the management of the library and building to their company. The success of the library re-opening to the community was due to the commitment of the company supported by a number of extremely dedicated local volunteers. In terms of visitor's numbers to the premises, V22 took over the building in May 2016 and between April and May numbers rose from 4900 to 12,300. Numbers went down in the summer month as was the case with the other libraries across the borough. In October numbers went up to 12,000 plus. The library manager reported that he has felt supported by Lewisham Library Services. On average, 4 out of seven days in the week an employee of the Council library services is present in the building and helping in some ways.</p> <p>In terms of what is happening within the library, there has been no real change to how the library has been run. The hours of opening has now gone back to seven days a week. There are still two rooms which are open for various community uses including hire for wedding, AGM, Pilate classes, language classes etc. and a kitchen to support user's needs. A number of tenants now occupies the building. The rooms that were previously used as offices and those that were under used have been let out mostly to artists. In the basement there is a nursery and day-care centre. A tender was put out to secure a provider for the nursery and a local resident who is already running similar business nearby was chosen. Provision has also been made to secure an office space in the basement to support the midwives services. The possibilities of having newspapers available in the Library was also discussed.</p>	
5	Traffic and Parking in Lee Green	
	A brief background information was provided on the events leading	

to this discussion. A traffic proposal was received from Leelive (a local group) a couple of meeting back as an attempt to address rat run issue from Greenwich through Upwood Road. The group proposed several solutions / recommendations which may well not have resolved similar issues in other areas of the ward. It was agreed that rather than isolate the problem to an area a more effective way would be to have a wider discussion on transport and parking with the Council Transport manager in attendance.

The chair invited Simon Moss from the Council's Highways and Transport team to give a general overview of what he sees as the overarching issues and take questions from people on how the issues affects their area.

Simon confirmed that their team has received the proposal produced by LeeLive to address the rat running issues in the area. The council is aware of the issues and the recent road improvements scheme delivered in Manor Lane was part of the rational to addressing the balance between traffic and pedestrian priorities impacted by rat runs. Part of the cause of the problem was attributed to satellite navigation. Although unproven, satellite navigation will navigate drivers through the quickest route. In terms of the Council transport strategy, things have changed a lot. Councils mainly abide to the rule set by Transport for London and Mayor of London. Under Boris Johnson the soft agenda in terms of traffic was largely about supporting cycling and walking whilst the current mayor supports smoothing traffic flow. The new mayor transport strategy plan which came out to consultation in early 2017 is still in draft form. Lewisham has responded to the draft plan.

The latest shift in transport policy strategy said to be coming from GLA is now focused around improving air quality, reducing the impact of traffic on roads, facilitating cycling and walking etc. This is seen as a good thing which the Council fully supports and these are areas that has been put forward to Transport for London for many years representing the borough's interest. Overall, this is viewed as a positive signs which allows the Council to consider project that might not have been considered before. The borough has and will continue to benefit from Transport for London funding spent on major programmes and this will requires applying their objectives when delivering those projects. Also TFL approval is required where a shift in traffic is to be applied. This is necessary because the kind of projects that are coming forward such as rat run will certainly impact upon the main road and red route which TFL are responsible for. It is therefore crucial that any proposed scheme has the backing of TFL and neighbouring borough to be able to implement some of the more

ambitious proposals.

The meeting was also updated on the shifting agenda around air quality concerns and how this impacts on public health. The introduction of the borough-wide 20mph limit and the question about its enforcement were discussed. This is said to be in line with the new Mayor's Transport Strategy which has a new target across the borough.

Speaking from experience Simon explained that any proposal similar to the ones proposed by Leelive is bound to have an impact on neighbouring roads and careful consideration will have to be applied in such cases. Council cannot be seen to be responsive to areas that has come forward with ideas but would rather make an appraisal of other similar proposal from across the borough, prioritise delivery, find the manpower and resources necessary to carry out any consultation required.

Further information was provided on a new transport strategy being developed by the Council in the next 12 months and how the Leelive proposals might fits into the wider Council programme. The joint TFL, GLA and Mayor of London Transport Strategy, requires Councils in compliance to a statutory duty to produce a local implementation plan. As part of this, officers will begin to develop a borough traffic reduction strategy which will set out prioritising of different areas following which resources will be allocated accordingly to address some of the measures identified.

The document will comprise of a programme of funded measures and interventions works over the next three years and will be updated on a rolling bases. The funding programme for the new strategy will begin in 2019/20.

The following Questions were raised from the floor at the end of the update.

Q1) The question was raised about the enforcement of the 20mph driving limit and rat run. Some drivers consistently ignore the signs, speeding and overtaking other vehicle on residential roads. There was a request for the council to provide more visible signage at the entrance of each road.

Q2) A call for a review of speed cushions in emergency services / priority bus routes.

R – The Council is currently looking into reviewing this as part of the borough traffic reduction strategy. This could bring about a reduction in the number of routes and will enable the council apply the full

<p>length speed cushion instead effective for reducing speed.</p> <p>In regards to the 20mph – Two third of the borough roads were already covered by 20mph before the borough wide scheme went live. What the Council did lately was to extend the scheme to the remaining one-third so that all borough road have the 20mph control. There is a traffic order in place and it is an enforceable entity. Enforcement would depend on police resources. The new community road watch set up in partnership with local resident was flagged as one of the measures to address this matter.</p> <p>Q3 – Will Lee Green be included in the comprehensive road review plan and how soon is this likely to happen?</p> <p>Q4 – There was a call / suggestion to consider full length speed cushion on Longhurst Road and an active promotion of walking buses for school children</p> <p>Q5 – The problem of rat running and commuters parking along Upwood road were highlighted. The area is also said to be a popular parking spots for those residents in the conservation areas who do not want to pay for parking permits. Carers also find it difficult to find parking space.</p> <p>R – The idea of the walking bus does relies on schools for their involvement in the promotion and subsequent implementation. The Council works directly with schools in promoting healthy schools programme. A promise that Longhurst Road with Ennersdale will be on the list of roads to consider when reviewing emergency services network.</p> <p>R – On the matter of commuter parking, CPZ and rat running – the council implemented a CPZ based on public demands. The initial consultation was conducted in such a way that it covers a wider area. Part of Upwood road were consultation but they voted against the scheme. Officers are conscious of the impact to neighbouring roads when a CPZ is introduced in an area and does weighs the overspill issues and are able to respond quickly when this unexpected happen. It is expected that a consultation for the areas around Burnt Ash Hill to the borough boundaries will be prioritised for the next phase.</p> <p>On the matter concerning the rat running through Upwood road from Greenwich, it was reported that a meeting has been held with officers from Greenwich and Lewisham borough with Len Duvall (London Local Assembly rep for the area) where a commitment to look into the case were promised. There was further promise to make contact with the 3 Greenwich Councillors for the neighbouring ward.</p> <p>A comment was also raised about the lack of signposting and</p>	<p>Simon Moss</p> <p>Simon Moss</p> <p>Cllr Jim Mallory</p>
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<p>resources to the multi-storey car park at the Lee Gate Centre which could help ease the problem with commuters parking in residential roads.</p> <p>Q6 – what percentage of the roads that are 20mph has the Council monitored and how was it decided which ones to monitor?</p> <p>R- Two third of the borough roads were already covered by the zone, the latest addition equites to one-third. Simon explained that he did not have the figures to hand but would work out the correct figures and those information would be made available at the next meeting. A warning that the monitoring information will account for a sample of some side roads and would not necessarily cover all roads. He further explains how the process could work:</p> <p>Monitoring is conducted on an annual basis on over a hundred roads. To get an effective and accurate monitoring reading two things would need to be done:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) There needs to be a consistence sample on a year to year basis using the same roads, same location, preferably at the same time of the year. 2) Other roads could also be added for monitoring purposes and consideration in terms of prioritising which roads the council may respond to. People were asked to pass information / concerns about speeding about any other roads they wish to include to Simon. If they are not already on , they would be included <p>Q7 – A concern was raised around speeding vehicle on Manor Park, also that commercial vehicles are not observing the width restriction and bus lane.</p> <p>R – Simon will check with colleagues working in enforcement team whether there is a camera in the area and of it is being enforced. On a daily basis.</p> <p>Q8 – Issues were raised concerning the introduction of 20mph on Burnt Ash Road which is normally a 30mph which is seems reasonable for that type of road. Many cars now go slower resulting in long stretch of tariffing when merging onto the South Circular which is a 40mph road. The possible impact on air quality was flagged up as an issue. An assumption that the slower the traffic the more emission is produced in the air.</p> <p>Q9 – The question was asked on whether CPZ could be considered for the service road on Burnt Ash off Dorville Road.</p> <p>R – This area falls within public highway, Council cannot implement controlled parking in this area.</p> <p>Q10- Other contributory factors creating high levels of traffic in the area were highlighted as follows: this includes problem arising from school runs around 3.30-4pm, commuters traffic cutting in from</p>	<p>Simon Moss</p> <p>All</p> <p>Simon Moss</p>
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	<p>Greenwich and HGV traffic noted for causing damage to the new bollard on Manor Lane were highlighted. The question was asked whether the strategy could look into various aspects in trying to reduce the overall volume in spite of some created by people's lifestyles.</p> <p>R – The Council will consider some of the smaller scale recommendations in the LeeLive proposal, which it finds attractive in targeting rat run from Upwood into Burnt Ash Hill without limiting to a great extent resident access in and out of the street.</p> <p>Q11- Travel Plan – The question was raised on whether any of the schools are cooperative in using the School transport plan particularly Colfes as an independent school.</p> <p>R – The line the Council takes on this is to rely upon the willingness of the school to implement the measures</p> <p>Q12 – The Traffic on Dorville and adjoining Road in the morning from 6am till 10am as well as the damages to parked cars by passing vehicle and high level of pollution were highlighted as an issue.</p> <p>R – The Council is aware of these issues and have noted that the issue has worsen since the introduction of CPZ to the East of Burnt Ash Road. Some suggestions which might help to manage things in the area could be the introduction of CPZ or drawing of yellow lines to try and keep the area clear.</p> <p>As a way of moving things forward the following plan of action was proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Assembly to set up a small working group of up to 10 volunteers who could work on getting information / feedback from Simon and officers from Greenwich transport division. • Follow up on all the issues raised during the course of the meeting including those submitted by email. • Gather ideas and suggestions for tackling ongoing traffic and parking issues affecting the ward within the next 3 or 4 months. The information collected can be fed into future discussion around the Council transport strategy. • Those interested are asked to sign up at the end of the meeting 	
6	Feedback from the volunteers event	
	<p>An event to celebrate and appreciate the works that volunteers do across the ward was held on 11th November. Over 60 people attended the event held at The Lochaber Hall. There was food, raffle and various prizes. The event also raised some fund for the Lee Green Consortium, which comprises of all the community groups in the area linking together to support each other.</p>	

7	Community updates and any other business	
	<p>Fuss Christmas Fair The annual FUSS Christmas fair will be held on Saturday 2nd December, from 12pm -5pm on Staplehurst Road. Over 70 stalls with variety of art and crafts will be on display for purchase. All were encouraged to attend.</p> <p>South London Counselling Services There is an event to showcase the works of this service at the Catford Civic Suite on Thursday 30th November 2016, beginning at 6.30pm. All are welcomed.</p>	
8	Declaration of interest	
	There were no interest declared at this meeting.	

11. Welcome from the Chair

12. Community information