

**LEE GREEN LOCAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING**
Thursday 21 February 2019 7pm – 9pm
Church of the Good Shepherd
Handen 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. A brief overview of the assembly process and some background of issues raised at previous meeting were provided by the chair for the benefit of the people attending the meeting for the first time.</p>	
2	Update from the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team	
	<p>The Police Safer Neighbourhood Officers gave their apology for this meeting but provided a written update which was read out by Cllr James Rathbone in their absence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary of crime figures in the ward over the last 5 months were provided • The statistic shows a small increase in burglary at the start of the New Year. This includes a lot of theft and handling of stolen goods and violence against persons which recorded a higher figure than people will often see in Lee Green. • The meeting were assured that offences relating to violence against person are mostly not of a serious nature but rather a couple of common assault, nothing too alarming. • A comparison of crime in Lee Green with other nearby wards (Blackheath, Catford South, Grove Park, Lewisham central and Rushey Green) was presented. Figures shows that Lee Green was in the lowest section of the crime stats in September 2018. • It was highlighted that police resources are assigned based on need. The importance of reporting crimes to the police regardless of how small it is was stressed. All crime stats are added to crime stats which gets fed up to City Hall and interpreted into how much police resources is needed in an area. • The most common form of crime recorded for the area is Burglary either from motor vehicle or property. The police have a standardise item contained in a handout with prevention advice on how to keep property and items safe. <p>What are the police are doing to reduce crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrolling the hot spot areas at every available opportunity • Plain clothes patrols in hot spot areas undertaken on a regular 	

	<p>basis to cover surveillance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of social media to give crime prevention advice and updates • Working with the neighbouring ward and their dedicated teams to track issues which affects cross boundaries to identify possible offenders <p>Promises</p> <p>These were said to be the areas that the safer neighbourhood officers are currently working on based on what residents have told them are the issues of concerns for the area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begging and Vagrancy • Residential Burglary • Violence <p>Success Stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A male charged with allowing his premises to be used for smoking cannabis • The team are currently investigating the knifepoint robbery which occurred on Fernbrook Road on 5th February 2019 and have so far made two arrest • Arrested persistent and aggressive beggars from the Hither Green area. Offenders are due to appear in court to face several charges • Four burglars identified and arrested. This action has reduced the number of residential burglary in Lee Green 	
3	Parking and Traffic Updates	
	<p>Parking</p> <p>The council is planning a programme of consultation for control parking zone in the borough. Lee Green will be included in this consultation. Consultation will begin by early June. The idea is to consult with all properties currently outside of the control parking scheme. The consultation will run for 3 weeks. A consultation pack will be sent to every property and will include a map of the area and what control parking would mean if it were introduced. There are already a number of controlled parking in the area operating at different times during the day. Residents would be asked to choose from a list of operational options.</p> <p>Lewisham Transport Strategy and Local Implementation Plan</p> <p>A presentation was delivered by an officer from the Council Transport team on the Lewisham Transport Strategy. The Mayor of London launched its Transport Strategy back in 2018. This aims to look into traffic reduction, increasing sustainable transport and improving air quality. In response to the Mayor's Transport Strategy all London borough were required to produce a Local Implementation Plan which has now been done in Lewisham. One of the aim of this plan will be to reduce traffic by 10-15%. A key proposal in the plan includes a Healthy Neighbourhood Programme. In delivering this agenda, the borough will be split into 18 neighbourhoods.</p>	

Officers have identified 4 areas that will become Healthy Neighbourhood area within the first 2 years. Lee Green has been included in the first round. The area will be called Lee Green and Lewisham. Funding will be made available for the next 2 years to tackle some of the issues of concerns such as rat running and speeding in residential area. As part of a way forward to delivering on this programme, a proposal was put forward to change the traffic and parking working group into a working group for the Healthy Neighbourhood programme. Anyone who wish to participate in the working group is asked to leave their contact details on the sheet provided.

Transport Strategy / Local Implementation Guide

The council has been developing a local transport plan over the last year also known as the LIP.

- This is a statutory document that needs to be submitted to Mayor of London and Transport for London (TFL).
- It has a short to long term strategies for the next 3 years
- It is a key funding mechanism to get some funding from TFL which is estimated at around £5.82 million over a 3 year period
- There are also a number of linked strategy to the LIP. This includes, cycling strategy, rail vision, electric vehicle charging, parking policy review and Local Plan Transport Assessment

Processes since last year

- LIP document was drafted between April and August 2018
- A public consultation was conducted to identify issues through commonplace map in early summer 2018. Over 2000 comments were received.
- A formal consultation on the draft took place between October and November 2018. Officers took on board comments from TFL and the public to amend the draft
- The plan was submitted to Mayor and Cabinet for their approval in February 2019
- Final submission is expected to be sent to TFL by end of February 2019

Council's Transport Strategy Objectives

As a requirement the council strategy has to be in line with the Mayor of London Transport Strategy which has 3 key objectives:

- Healthy Streets and healthy people – getting more people walking and cycling
- A good public transport experience – getting more people using public transport
- New homes and jobs – building new homes and creating more job opportunities.

Key Features of the LIP

- The Healthy Neighbourhood programme forms a key part of the traffic reduction strategy for the borough. The aim is to look into reducing traffic by a round 15-20% by 2041.
- It has the same principles as the Liveable Neighbourhood but on a smaller scale

- It aims to promote improvements to encourage more walking, cycling and use of public transport.
- Because there is a traffic reduction focus to it, one of the key inspections is looking at introducing point closure, filtered permeability and banned turns in streets to stop rat running, This is done by creating build out on carriageway which pedestrians and cycling can still pass through. Other aspects to the improvement will include, contraflow cycling on one way streets, cycle parking, dropped kerbs, more street trees, benches, play equipment and Timed closures near schools,.

Healthy Neighbourhoods

- A map showing the different neighbourhood areas was presented. It comprises of 18 cells across the borough.
- Lewisham and Lee Green will be among the first four areas to be prioritised as part of first tranche (2019/20 - 2020/21)
- Officers have applied for Mayor's Air Quality Funding in collaboration with Greenwich. Outcome of the application is expected by April 2019
- A detailed programme for each area is currently being developed and will be communicated in spring 2019. This will outline planned community engagement and coordination with CPZ programme.

Walking and Cycling Improvements

- An analysis of programmes in the LIP in relation to the above were provided. This will include things like Pedestrian improvements e.g. improvements to Lewisham Town Centre and a whole range of other smaller interventions including better signage, dropped kerb, crossing points etc.
- Cycling improvement – provision of cycle hangers and on street cycle parking
- Healthy Street programme extended to A21 road- creation of healthy street corridor to include improving provision for pedestrians, and cyclists and segregated cycling facilities where feasible.

Road Danger Reduction and Safe & Active Travel programme

- This is based around compliance of the 20mph limit
- Encouraging cycle training and provision of bike loans
- School travel planning, holding publicity events to help deliver vision zero set by Mayor of London and raising awareness of active travel
- Carrying out a review of all emergency services on principal road network and collision hot spot in the borough

Air Quality and Noise

- Officers have applied for complimentary funding from the Mayor of London Air Quality fund to provide more electric charging points
- 3 different types of charging points is to be implemented and rolled out over the years (Trickle Charging – 7-8hours overnight facility via lamp column, Standard Charging 3-4 hours at a dedicated on street charging point and Rapid Charging 15-40

	<p>minutes via a larger charger</p> <p>Medium to long term intervention The Council is working in partnership with TFL to bring forward some of the outlined improvements as soon as possible. This will include Transport and Healthy Street improvements.</p> <p>Transport Improvements aspect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bakerloo Line extension to Lewisham and beyond and interchange improvements at Lewisham Station • Overground improvements at Lewisham and New Cross • Creation of new Bermondsey Station and improvement to Brockley Station interchange • Step free access to stations • New and improved bus services particularly in the South of the borough <p>The Healthy Street aspect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some major improvements in the pipeline for Lewisham Town Centre • The redevelopment of Catford • Improvements to the A21 Healthy Streets corridor • The removal of the A2 New Cross Road & Amersham Gyratory • The Ringway corridor • Tightening of LEZ standards / ULEZ expansion. <p>A question and answer session followed this presentation.</p>	
4	Changes to Assembly fund and Main Grant	
	<p>The meeting was informed of a proposal put forward by officers as part of budget saving, to cut the £15,000 annual Assembly fund. This proposal has been approved by the council. A brief explanation of the council budget commitment and cuts to its annual grant by Central Government was provided. After much consultation with councillors the mayor of Lewisham has agreed to retain the £2,500 Councillor's discretionary element of the assembly grant which can be spent to benefit small projects in each ward.</p> <p>Other pot of funding which could be available to the assembly was mentioned. Some information was provided on the future of the Council's Small & Faith grant. This fund has been reduced to £50,000 as part of the cuts. The fund will now be made available as a general fund for which all assemblies can draw on.</p> <p>An update on the future of the Council's Main Grant programme was also provided. Previously the Council has allocated £3million to this budget which voluntary groups across the borough can apply from. The initial proposal from officers was to have this reduced by a million pound. This suggestion was viewed by councillors as excessive and disproportionate. Councillors eventually managed to get this capped at £2.4million. The meeting was informed that Lee Green Lives which supports and coordinates the works of the</p>	

	consortium will be making an application to this grant.	
5	Lee Forum Neighbourhood Plan Consultation	
	<p>A representative from Lee Forum provided a brief update on where the group are at in progressing the Neighbourhood Plan. A brief introduction about the group was provided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee Forum was set up in 2016 • The parameter of the Forum area goes across from Lee High Road, takes in a little area of Blackheath ward and some part of Greenwich • Its aims is to promote and improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the neighbourhood • Membership is free and open to all who live, work or have an interest in the area • A small committee of volunteers is appointed at every AGM • The main current aim of the Forum is to produce a Neighbourhood Plan • The group does more than just developing a Neighbourhood Plan. Lately, the group have been involved in campaign on flytipping, abandoned vehicles, neglected building and have recorded recent success with Greenwich Council in getting heritage building included in their local listings <p>Neighbourhood Plans</p> <p>A brief definition of the Neighbourhood Plan was provided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan was introduced in the Localism Act of 2011 • It is an important and powerful tool that gives communities statutory powers to shape how their communities develops • The Neighbourhood Plan will be developed from the responses received from consultation with local people • The final Plan when adopted will become part of planning policy for the area <p>Planning Framework</p> <p>There are a number of planning policy that the Neighbourhood Plan has to fit into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Planning Framework – things like the improvements to green spaces will fit into this. National Planning Policy will make reference to National Parks and the Green Belt. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Plan – written by the Mayor of London and the GLA. This will go into more precise level for London. The plan has to comply with National Planning Policy • Lewisham and Greenwich Local Plan – This will go into more details about green space in Lewisham / Greenwich specifics. The plan has to comply with National and London Plan policy • Neighbourhood Plan – can identify local parks which residents valued and would like to see protected / enhanced. This plan has to fits into all of the above plans <p>Policy Headings in the Neighbourhood Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail and Economy – deals with a range of shops and maintaining employment opportunities in the area • Heritage and design – heritage building and its maintenance, ensuring their design element are not lost • Green and Blue spaces – this includes parks, trees, street trees and the river quaggy • Community Infrastructure – community centres, libraries, public realms • Transport and Connectivity – traffic pollution, public transport • Building new homes and amenities – suggestion of type of building and their design. <p>Next step</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group is currently designing a flyer which will have information about when people can complete an online survey • There will also be a paper survey on the consultation which people can complete manually • Further information about the Forum can be found on their website – www.leeforum.org.uk 	
6	Volunteering – Voluntary Action Lewisham	
	<p>A representative from Voluntary Action Lewisham (VAL) gave a brief overview of their organisation and the various services they provide. Some information leaflet was provided at the meeting about various organisations which offers advice to people who wish to volunteer in their community. VAL offers various support to community organisation across the borough including finding funding and helping with legal issues in relation to charity. Anyone requiring further information is asked to speak to the representative at the end of the meeting.</p>	

7	Community updates and any other business	
	<p>Leegate Redevelopment The situation remains the same. The Council and St Modwens are still in discussion about the level of affordable social housing in the redevelopment. The current level of social housing proposed for the scheme was said to be lower than the council commitment to housing in the Mayor's manifesto.</p>	
8	Declaration of interest	
	There were no interest declared at this meeting.	