



**LEE GREEN LOCAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING**

Thursday 17 May 2012 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Trinity Church of England Secondary School

Taunton Road, London SE12

Record of Meeting

	Item	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	Cllr Sven Griesenbeck welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the format of the meeting.	
2	Assembly funding update	
a	<u>Report back on grant given by Assembly – Elevating Success business enterprise course</u> Andrew Brown provided feedback on how the funding received from the assembly to run a business enterprise for residents in Lee Green was spent. The Business Enterprise Project was an eight week programme designed to remove the barriers that surrounds running a business and to inspire individuals to establish their own enterprises. The course was aimed at empowering individuals with the knowledge to create and sustain their own economic ventures. Through the delivery of a combination of business and enterprise training, on-going motivational support and mentoring was provide to participants with a range of skills that could be used to establish a business. Some of the components explored on the course includes record keeping, finances, personal development, business and marketing plan. The meeting also heard a testimonials from two residents who have benefited from this course.	

b	<p><u>Assembly fund 2012 / 2013 – processes</u></p> <p>The meeting received information about the assembly funding processes. There is £18,750 available this year to spend on projects addressing chosen priorities. An explanation of the breakdown of funding was presented as follows. £15,000 is available for the assembly and the remaining £3,750 can be set aside as discretionary fund for councillors to allocate to local projects. However, Councillors may delegate to have the discretionary fund merge with assembly fund to create a larger pot.</p> <p>The Council is encouraging assemblies to link funding to their action plans in order to focus its use, as such certain criteria has been developed on how the fund may be spent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding could perhaps be used for a single project or a number of projects. • The fund cannot be used for activities that require ongoing revenue. • Projects needs to be self sustained or demonstrate how they will become self financing. It is envisaged that ideas for spend will be sought in the summer with a view of allocating funds by November. 	
3	Assembly priorities Update	
a	<p><u>Controlled parking</u></p> <p>Members of the parking working group attended Mayor and Cabinet meeting on 11 April to present the assembly statement of community views concerning controlled parking in the ward. The report highlighted recommendations on charges, operational hours and increasing choice in consultation. The Mayor has asked the Executive Director for Customer Services, Resources and Regeneration to consider those issues raised and report back to him on the implications on Council finances. Cllr Mallory promised to follow up on the progress of this item and report back to the assembly when a response is received from the Mayor.</p>	Cllr Mallory / Ade
b	<p><u>Leegate and Youth</u></p> <p>Cllr Mallory informed the meeting of the successful Easter event delivered by Lee Green Lives in collaboration with traders at the Leegate Centre on 7 April. Gifts were donated by some of the retailers from the precinct. Another event is also planned for July. It was mentioned that representatives from St Modwen's, owners of the Leegate Centre are present at the meeting to present a draft proposal for the redevelopment of the Leegate Shopping Centre. A series of drop in sessions was held at the Centre in March where the</p>	

	<p>proposed plans were on displayed for public consultation.</p> <p>Sessions at the Tuesday and Friday night youth club continue to attract more young people to the community centre. Various interactive activities are provided by the Council youth service for young people aged 13 to 19 years from 6.30 to 9pm on both days.</p> <p>c. <u>Environment (Manor Park building & bridge)</u> The meeting were informed of the match funding secured for the second sliding doors to the arch on the side of the building in Manor Park to keep out adverse weather, one of the doors was funded from last year Assembly funding. Additional funding was required for the installation of the second door.</p> <p>Update received on progress of work to the bridge construction to connect Manor Park to Longhurst Road shows the project is still on course for completion by middle of June. The newly completed bridge will be officially opened by the Mayor of Lewisham on Saturday 23rd June 2012 from 10am till 1pm. A range of information stalls and activities will be on offer on the day. All are encouraged to attend.</p>	
4	Volunteering for the Assembly Coordinating group	
	<p>The meeting received information about volunteering on the assembly coordinating group. The coordinating group comprises of volunteers who assist in planning assembly meeting and take forward concerns raised by the assembly in between meetings. Interested people are asked to speak with Ade during the break.</p>	Ade Joseph
5	Break / Refreshment	
6)	Leegate Redevelopment Proposals	
	<p>The presentation of the proposed plans for the redevelopment of the Leegate centre began with an explanation of the Council policies and what is required when a developer is seeking permission to develop a site. John Miller from the Council planning division took the meeting through council's planning regulations and policies. This was followed by a presentation of the proposed plan by representatives from St Modwen, owners of the Leegate Centre.</p> <p>The meeting were told that the proposed plans will comprise of a new food store measuring 35,000 square feet with main entrance off a public square. A single level car par will be</p>	

	<p>created for up to 320 cars above the food store with escalator and lift providing access from the public square. A row of new shops and restaurants will be located along Burnt Ash Road along with refurbishment of the existing parade of shops along Eltham Road. The current Leegate House will be refurbished and converted into residential, offices, hotel incorporating a gym.</p> <p>It was explained that the second phase of public consultation with a more detailed drawings is being planned for further consultation in late summer 2012. A series of question and answer session followed this presentation.</p> <p>The meeting also heard responses to the proposals from representatives from two local community groups, the Lee Green Lives, a campaign group set up to foster the community's involvement in improving the run-down shopping centre and Lee Manor society a local interest group.</p> <p>In order to ensure that the views of the assembly is represented in the redevelopment plan, it was proposed that a working group be establish with the support of the assembly to assist the developers understand local needs and ensure that all stakeholders including local interest groups have a role to play in shaping their neighbourhood.</p> <p>A motion was agreed by the assembly to set up a working group to represent the views of the assembly for the proposed plans. The purpose of the group would be to assist and work with St Modwen's, developers, architects and Lewisham Council in the development and planning processes, ensuring local needs and views are reflected in the redevelopment through section 106 and community infrastructure.</p>	<p>Cllr Mallory / Ade</p>
7)	Any other business / Community Updates	
	There were no information available under this item.	
8)	Declaration of interest	
	No interest was declared at this meeting.	