



**LEE GREEN LOCAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING
Tuesday 25 September 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	Lee Green Safer Neighbourhood Team Update	
a	<p><u>Briefing on the fatal incident outside Lee Green Sainsbury</u> An update was provided on the fatal stabbing incident outside Sainsbury on the evening of 15 September. The specifics of the incidents cannot be divulged as there is an ongoing investigation into the incident involving minors. The purpose of the police presence at the meeting was mainly to provide reassurance and support to the community and provide brief update on what the police are doing around this matter. A brief details of the incident and the actions taken by police in the aftermath were related as follows.</p> <p>On the evening of Saturday 15 September, the police received a report of a stabbing incident outside Sainsbury. Both the victim and assailants who had fled the scene were named. Police and the ambulance service attended the scene. The male victim was worked upon at the scene and immediate first aid was applied. Officers from the nearby fire station also attended the scene to offer their assistance. Unfortunately the victim died shortly after arriving at hospital. All the three named suspects were apprehended within the hour. Following initial police investigation, two of the suspects</p>	

arrested have been release on bail with bail conditions applied and the remaining one was charged with murder and had been remanded in custody. Police response to the incident was to secure the scene, gather forensic evidence and liaise with CID counterpart.

An emergency meeting was called on the afternoon of Sunday 16 September where members of the community, local Councillors and representatives from various organisations attended. The main discussion was focused around what to do to support the community. As a result, there was increased police patrol diverted to the area and updates on the case was circulated by email to local Councillors and community members on mailing list so that everyone can be kept informed.

The meeting commended the effort of the police in responding swiftly to this incident and their approach in reassuring and supporting the community in the aftermath of this sad incident.

b Safer Neighbourhood Update

An explanation of the works that police are currently doing in the area was provided. Police Priorities for Lee Green ward remains the same. These are Burglary, Theft from motor vehicle and antisocial behaviour. These set priority are reviewed at the ward panel quarterly meeting which members of the community such as Councillors, faith group leaders and other interested party attends.

Burglary

There has been an increase in reported cases of burglary last Christmas and as a direct response a problem solving partnership was formed with the Council and local Housing Association to address the problem. Targeted intelligence led patrol in plain cloth and uniform was conducted which led to significant arrest and prosecution. In addition to this, the team offered comprehensive crime prevention advise to owners of property identified as vulnerable to burglary. As a direct consequence, burglary rates are currently down by a third.

Motor vehicle crime

There is an ongoing crime where the team has received numerous reports of small high value items taken from vehicle such as navigator and stolen number plates. In responding to issues, police carried out an event at the Leegate Car Park where tamper proof screws were fitted to vehicle. The event was publicise on the SNT website and leaflet drop into surrounding homes and business premises. Around 50 cars benefitted from the initiative. It is hoped that the event will be repeated in the future.

c	<p>Anti-social behaviour</p> <p>In comparison to other wards in the borough, Lee Green has a low instances antisocial behaviour. Instances relates to identified cases mainly around the Leegate Centre and the Newstead Estate. Collaboration works have taken place with the local housing association to identify and work with problem families and individuals on the Newstead Estate. This approach has proved successful and led to a drastic reduction in complaints reported. The Leegate Centre was isolated to nuisance caused by street drinker and police has responded by seizing alcohol and moving perpetrators on.</p> <p>A suggested was made on whether one of the empty units at the Leegate Centre can be used as a local police base. It was explained that this option has been considered in the past but in the current climate such option is not deemed feasible.</p>	
3	<p>Assembly priorities Update</p>	
a	<p><u>Provision for young people</u></p> <p>The meeting received feedback on the programme of activities deliver to young people over the summer school break. This year young people enjoyed an additional two weeks of activities which was made possible from the funding secured from the assembly. Two of the young people who benefitted from the programme related their experience to the meeting. Some of the activities on offer includes trips and music and apprenticeship workshop. The community day organised with input from young people was also mentioned. The provision resumed their normal operative hours at the beginning of September.</p>	
b	<p><u>Leegate</u></p> <p>At their last AGM, Lee Green Lives elected a new management committee for the community centre. A new centre co-ordinator has also been appointed to oversee the day to day running of the community centre. The centre now boost increased variety of activities enjoyed by various age group. The working group set up at the last assembly to take forward Assembly concerns around the proposals for the redevelopment of the Leegate Centre has met several time over the summer and once with St Modwens. A position paper has been drafted and some of the issues highlighted in the paper such as the size of the proposed ASDA store, increase in traffic and very little provision of affordable housing has been raised with St Modwens. The meeting between the Working Group and St Modwen planned for September was postponed at St Modwen's request and is now due to take place at the end of October.</p>	

c.	<p><u>Controlled parking</u></p> <p>The impact that the Assembly position paper on parking created by the working group has made on the Council was reported to the meeting. As a direct result of the pressure placed by the Lee Green Assembly the council is carrying out a Lewisham-wide consultation of residents' views on parking including charges and the terms of controlled parking zones. The working group continues to press for two-hour mid-day controls option to deter commuters while leaving flexibility for local residents to go about their lives. The working group had also been instrumental in ensuring the wider publicity of the parking survey particularly to those roads currently not covered by CPZ.</p> <p>A preliminary result of the survey questionnaire would be presented to the sustainable development scrutiny committee at their 1st November meeting. Cllr Mallory and Wendy Lloyd, chair of the parking working group will attend the meeting. So far no proposal has been put forward by officers for an increase in parking permit for next financial year.</p> <p>Problems arising from vehicles parked along Burnt Ash road causing obstructions to busses access were raised. Another question was raised concerning how the surplus raised through parking is used.</p> <p>Information was also received about the proposed signage at the entrance of Micheldever Road junction with Burnt Ash Road about the introduction of double yellow lines on a section of the road.</p>	
d	<p><u>Environment (Manor Park building & bridge)</u></p> <p>Information was received about the recognition of Manor Park as a walking and cycling route by Transport for London. The improvements that has been made to increase footfall to the park was mentioned. Through the survey conducted at the launch of the bridge it was apparent that better access to the river for pond dipping activities seems popular. This matter was discussed at the last meeting of the Manor Park User Group. The group hopes to propose a bid to the assembly for assistance with funding to improve the river access. Other concerns raised were in relation to the lack of disabled access onto the bridge as well as the surfacing of the path.</p>	
4	Community group updates	
a	<p><u>Friends and Users of Staplehurst Road Shops (FUSS)</u></p> <p>The group was set up about eight years ago by a group of people who wishes to create a more pleasant environment to shop and pass through. One of the first activity delivered by</p>	

	<p>the group was a Christmas fair. This event is now being celebrated annual with support and contribution from local businesses, Council and residents. One of the main highlight of the Christmas fair emphasises on the variety of stalls and activities for children including visits to Father Christmas. Apart from this, the group is also responsible for the provision and regular maintenance of the planters along Staplehurst Road. Volunteers help are needed to carry continue with the good work already delivered by the group. The group also holds community clean up days to improve the environment and raise community spirit.</p> <p>b <u>Lee Green Knitters</u> The group was formed as a result of a number of request following the displays at the launch of the Lee Green Community Centre in 2010. Regular weekly session takes place at the community centre where up to 20 members of various ability and age enjoys the services provided by this group. Participants ages ranges from 18 to 80year. Two members of the group also shared their experience at the session with the meeting.</p> <p>c <u>Time Credit Scheme</u> Update was received on the progress of the Time Credit scheme in Lee Green. The scheme allows people to give their time voluntarily in exchange for a reward through the time credit notes. The notes enables volunteer to access various activity as a reward for the time they have given. A list of organisations who have signed up for the Time Out Menu were mentioned. Some of the organisations who now accepts Time Credit notes includes the Colfe Leisure Centre, Millwall Football Club where notes can be used in exchange for activities.</p>	
5	Break / Refreshment	
6)	Assembly funding bids – presentation	
a	<p><u>Friends and Users of Staplehurst Road Shops</u> Fuss annual Christmas Fair will be held this year on 8th December . It is centred around the turning on of the lights on the Christmas tree erected outside Hither Green Station in Staplehurst Rd. The fair attracts over 40 stalls in Staplehurst Road and provides a community gathering with emphasis on children’s activities including the arrival and visits to Father Christmas. The group is requesting funding assistance of £800 to enable them deliver the event this year.</p>	

<p>b</p> <p>c</p> <p>d</p>	<p><u>Lewisham Library and Information Services</u></p> <p>The library requires signs both at the front and at the rear of the building which overlooks Manor House Gardens. The Project is requesting £2,500 from the Assembly fund to install two noticeboards outside Manor House Library stating the opening hours. The Service hopes to achieve greater use of the library by local people, leading to an awareness of what the building has to offer including books, free use of computers and Wi-Fi, a wide range of activities, rooms for hire and a welcoming and knowledgeable staff. The permanent signs will form part of an on-going marketing campaign to ensure that Manor House remains as a community resource which is keen to attract new customers to enjoy the remarkable facility.</p> <p>Some objection were raised about this bid, as it was seen as an arm of the Council with its own budget. There was a general notion from the meeting that the assembly fund should not be used to enhance statutory services but rather to support community groups and initiatives to improve the area.</p> <p>An brief explanation of how assembly funding can be used was provided by the Council head of Community and Neighbourhood Development to enable the Assembly reach a fairer conclusion about this bid.</p> <p><u>Lee Manor Community Gardens</u></p> <p>The Lee Manor Community Garden (LMCG) started growing fruit and vegetables last year on a plot of land leased from Lewisham Council. The garden is open to all and meets regularly for gardening sessions. During the last year two raised beds as well as a higher raised bed has been purchased. The group now has a total of seven raised beds where they have grown root crops (carrots, leeks, onions and potatoes), peas and beans and other crops that is shared amongst members. The project is seeking £360 to purchase a metric tonne of topsoil, manure and compost to replenish the seven raised beds, miscellaneous plants, seeds and consumables and Public Liability Insurance to meet their legal obligations over the next year.</p> <p><u>Lee Fair Share</u></p> <p>The idea for the local history and reminiscence group came from the coffee and chat drop-in sessions held at Lee Green Community Centre. The project is seeking £605 to promote the discussion and reminiscence of local history, invite local historians and societies to facilities the discussion or act as a discussion starter. Details of discussion would be recorded with a possibility of broadcasting and retaining the recollections as a historical record. Many of the older people who use the</p>	
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e	<p>service have mobility problems and rarely have a day out or a trip. Therefore a trip to an historical venue would be beneficial to their well being and to the project.</p> <p><u>Lee Green Lives</u> To promote the revival of Leegate, as initially agreed by the Assembly, a community group “Lee Green Lives” now runs a community centre, based in Unit 3 Leegate, with a range of activities in response to local demand. The Centre also support statutory services such as youth service, police, and housing organisations in accessing people to their services through activities, surgeries and other information events held at the centre. In addition, the group is currently working to reflect local residents’ views and concerns about plans by St Modwen, the precinct’s owners, to redevelop Leegate. The group is seeking £6753.41 needed to sustain the centre’s running costs and charges associated with maintaining it.</p>	
7)	Voting Result – Assembly Bids	
	<p>Four out of the five bids presented to the meeting received the Assembly approval. An alternative agreement was reached to progress with the bid from the Library Services. The service was advised to submit an alternative bid at the next meeting for a double sided notice boards displaying opening hours and a space for community information.</p>	
8)	Any other business / Community Updates	
	<p><u>Lewisham Gardens Project</u></p> <p>Lewisham Gardens in association with Café Tranquil in Manor Park are holding a “Pan-tree” event in Manor Park on Saturday 20 October 2012. All local artists and bakers are invited to showcase their craft including local hand made and home grown produce. There will also be a Bake-off competition at this event. For details of the event and to register for a stall, email info@tranquicoffee.com or telephone <u>07828147967</u>.</p>	
9)	Declaration of interest	
	No interest was declared at this meeting.	