

Bellingham Assembly Coordinating Group Minutes

Thursday 24 January 2013, 7pm-9pm St Dunstans Hall. Bellingham Green

Attendees

Councillor Ami Ibitson	Councillor Alan Hall - Chair
Thelma Daniels	Rosemary Davies
Mark Saunders	Thelma Daniels
Julian Rouse	Antony Scully
Nancy Stridgen	Rev Raymond Singh
Peter Bernards	Shalena Haughton-Peters

Apologies

Councillor Jacqui Paschoud	Cassandra Flavius

1. Introductions, apologies and declarations of interest

Declarations of Interest

Julian Rouse – Bellingham Community Project Rosemary Davies – Young at Heart Thelma Daniels – Phoenix Residents Area 5 Cllr Ami Ibitson – Church Warden St Dunstans Cllr Alan Hall - Board member, Phoenix CH and Chair of Bellingham Health Forum Rev Raymond Singh – Churches Together, Christchurch

2. Minutes of the previous co-ordinating group meeting

Open Futures

It was confirmed that Bellingham Community Project had been successful in being granted an Awards for All grant for the project. They are currently applying for more money from Lewisham's young peoples employment fund before starting the project.

Consultation to Federate Athelney and Elfrida Primary Schools

The consultation document on the proposed federation of Athelney and Elfrida Primary Schools was circulated.

Friends of Sydenham Library

It was confirmed that the banners advertising the community library will be up on the library by mid March.

Home Park Know Your Neighbour Day

It was advised that Lewisham Homes had tried to start up a Tenants and Residents Association to put on these days but there were not enough interested residents.

Bellingham Community Twitter account @BellinghamSE

Now has 75 followers.

New Builds Information to residents

It was confirmed that the new residents do receive a local information pack and it was agreed that the landlords should be approached to try and include councillors surgeries and assembly details. It was suggested that when Bellingham Community Project finished the local directory that is added also. **NS**

Cuts to policing - Public Meeting

It was advised that there is a public meeting at the Civic Suite 6pm on Monday 28 January for people to air their concerns on the cuts to local policing.

3. Bellingham Forum / Well London / London Deanery

It was advised that the Well London launch 'Healthy Living Bellingham' had to be cancelled because of the snow but is they are looking to reschedule this in early March.

The Well London Participatory Budgeting event led by Gayle Wallace now has £50,000 of funding to grant for local projects and the voting event is on 13 February 9-3.30.

Health Forum

It was advised that the London Deanery has provided trainee doctors to work with the local community to research how people asses health issues,

Lewisham Hospital proposed A&E and Maternity closures

It was advised that the next march is 26 January to meet at 11.45 outside Lewisham Police Station the march will end in a rally and music in Mountsfield Park.

4. Managing the Assembly Action Plan/ Ward Priorities

Following the feedback from the last assembly that some of the priorities are no longer relevant it agreed that the following proposals are taken to the Assembly on 13 March.

- 1. That 2 of the original priorities are kept
 - Children and Young People
 - Older Peoples Issues
- 2. That a third is added
 - Community Events and Festivals
- That the Anti-Social Behaviour priority is given over to the Safer Neighbourhood Panel and Safer Neighbourhood Team who will work closely with the Assembly and coordinator giving regular two way updates. This is because the actions against this priority need to be addressed by

the SNT, Housing ASB teams and Lewisham's Community Safety Team and it was considered to be duplication.

4. That as there was feedback at the last meeting that 'Poor Parks and Insufficient Play Areas' and 'Environment' are not as relevant as other local issues, there will be a consultation asking:

Our current Priorities are

- Children and Young People
- Older Peoples Issues
- Community Events and Festivals

What else do you think is most important for Bellingham Assembly to achieve in 2013?

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Can you help or are you willing to give some time to volunteer?

Contact details

(Anti-social Behaviour and Crime Issues are being given straight to the Safer Neighbourhood Team who will feedback to the Assembly regularly.)

Residents at the 13 March Assembly will be asked to fill in a voting sheet and the Assembly coordinator will also visit local groups to ask them what they think the most important thing for Bellingham Assembly to achieve in 2013 is.

5. Planning for 13 March Assembly Meeting

Bell Green Gyratory Improvements

It was asked that there is an update to the Assembly on this and the relevant council officers are invited to present. **NS**

Consultation form

£25 M&S voucher prize draw for everyone that fill it in. NS

Groups to Feedback

It was asked that groups that have received funding present to the Assembly. 3 groups across the different priorities. **NS**

Newsletter format for resident letterbox leaflet.

It was asked that the costs for A3 colour leaflets are looked into, and that this advertises the assembly but also updates about what has been achieved this year.

It was asked that the Healthy Bellingham Event is also advertised on the leaflet and that Nancy speaks to Bellingham Community Project about sharing marketing costs. **NS&JR**

Agenda for 13 March Assembly

- 7pm Welcome from Cllr Ibitson
- 7.05 Assembly Action Plan Proposals
 - What do you think is most important for Bellingham Assembly to achieve in 2013? Voting Form & prize draw
- 7.25 Bell Green Gyratory Update

7.50 Refreshment break

- 8.05 Lewisham Hospital Update
- 8.10 Feedback from Funded Groups
- 8.30 Southend park Benches
- 8.35 Recycling in Bellingham
- 8.45 Community updates
- 9.00 End of meeting

6. Any Other Business

It was asked that photos of the festivals are taken to all assemblies.

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