

Lee Forum

Annual General Meeting on 25 September 2018, 7.00 - 9.00pm

Deaf is Cool, Ground Floor, Leegate House, Burnt Ash Rd, Lee, London SE12 8RF

MINUTES

1. Welcomes and Apologies

Chair, Sarah McMichael, welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave thanks to Deaf is Cool for the use of their venue.

Andre, owner of Deaf is Cool, explained the purpose of this great space we are in and is devoted to increasing awareness about deafness.

Apologies were received from Marcus Mayers and Sheila Peck.

2. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Yearly Report

Mark Rochell explained the procedure for the Neighbourhood Plan. The key work was to make the draft plan coherent. Once completed consultation would take place and the plan would then be reviewed by Greenwich and Lewisham councils, followed by an independent examination and finally a local referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan would be held to complete its acceptance.

Nicolette explained that the forum drafted two mammoth applications during the year that went to Greenwich and Lewisham councils applying for the local listing of buildings and structures in the forum area that have heritage value and need protection.

David Ford explained that during the year the forum asked people to send us details of local rubbish and flytipping problems and nearly 40 people responded. We then mapped out and organised a walk with council officers to see how each spot might be tackled. The usefulness of the Fix My Street app was explained

Michael explained the draft neighbourhood plan's aspiration for a walking route along the river Quaggy through the forum's area. This would mean on the Greenwich side, opening up private land to allow access to green spaces; joining Lee Green and Kidbrooke with a healthy publically accessible route. On the Lewisham side access to the river is less available so there would be more reliance on signposting and celebrating the river in other ways in some places.

Gill Stoker explained the work that the forum has done to get empty and derelict buildings cleaned up and back into use. We have worked closely with both councils to encourage them in the use of S215 of the Town and Country planning act, Empty Homes Management Orders and Environmental Orders to get this done, particularly with four properties at the Lee Green crossroads and a property on Manor Park.

Sarah McMichael explained what Community Infrastructure Levy is and that councils must consider any priorities in how CIL is spent locally as spelled out in a neighbourhood plan. The draft neighbourhood plan, based on consultation so far prioritises the following:

- Improving the streetscape at Lee and Lee Green
- Protecting and planting more trees
- More parking controls
- New youth facilities
- Creating low traffic neighbourhood cells for safer walking and cycling
- A community hall
- Improving road junctions
- Developing four new conservation areas
- Improving public transport
- Rest points across the neighbourhood
- Creating a walking route through Lee Green Meadows along the Quaggy
- Creating more and safer road crossings

Lewisham had £870,000 that it would consult on the spending of through Local Assemblies.

Greenwich had £152,014 CIL waiting to be applied for in the area of Greenwich covered by Lee Forum. Applications for this can be made online through the council's website.

4. Interim Accounts and Treasurers Report

Mark Rochell presented and explained the following accounts:

Income	
Grant 1	£1,000
Grant 2	£5,798
Grant 3	£2,725
Grant 4	£5,588
Donations	£200
Total Income	£15,311
Expenditure	
Consultancy	-£6,312
Returned to Locality	-£111
Other costs	-£1,149
Total Expenditure	-£7,572
Remaining at 31st June 2018	£7,739
Creditor Due at 31st June 2018, paid in August 2018	
Consultancy	£6,725
Remaining to Spend after 31st June 2018	£1,014

We will be applying for another £2000 in funding to complete the neighbourhood plan.

5. Election of Committee members

Officers and the committee stood down then Margaret Holland introduced the new committee who were nominated, seconded and voted in by those at the meeting. The following people were duly elected for the coming year:

Sarah McMichael
Mark Rochell
Marcus Mayers
David Ford
Gill Stoker
Nicolette Duckham
Pippa Bampton
Gillian Deal
Peter Richardson
Patricia Richardson
Rozina Visram

6. Design Workshop

Ben Castell and Graziano di Gregorio from AECOM presented the format and policies contained in the completion of the Workshop. Those present sat in small groups to discuss, contribute to and complete the Workshop categories. These were policies/guidelines for Lee Green town centre to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan for example:

1. Heights, spaces between buildings
2. Four development sites
3. Traffic congestion, cycle and pedestrian safety
4. Derelict buildings
5. Improvements to public realm
4. Mix of retail use - shops, facilities and community facilities
5. Mix and quantity of housing
6. Use of materials

7. Closing remarks

Everyone was thanked for their continued support.