

Green Lanes Strategy Group
minutes, 18 July 2012

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ATTENDING:

Cllr Nilgun Canver (Chair)	Geoff Amabilino (GAm)
Cllr Zena Brabazon (ZB)	Tony Kennedy- LBH (TK)
Cllr Gina Adamou (GA)	Mark Smith- GLA (MS)
Cllr David Schmitz (DS)	Steve Jones- LBH (SJ)
Rob Chau- Traders Association (RC)	Nick Schlittner- LBH (NS)
Shefik Mehmet (SM)	Dann Jessen- East (DJ)
Ian Sygrave (IS)	Alex Smith- East (AS)
Sue Green (SG)	Polly Briggs- East (PB)

ITEM NBR.	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<p>Apologies/Previous Minutes</p> <p>Apologies- Cllr Alexander, Andy Newman, Emma Davies, Cllr David Browne</p> <p>To note- Hugh Flouch (HF), HoL, present for East presentation.</p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting (14th May) were agreed.</p>	
PART 1		
2.	<p><u>Green Lanes OLF Programme</u></p> <p>DJ introduced presentation by East noting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East is the team of architects/designers, working with large group of sub consultants (e.g. soft landscape, lighting). • there will be close dialogue with the GLSG when designing/developing strategies. • aimed to leave meeting with better understanding of concerns/aspiration/ideas of GLSG members re OLF programme for Green Lanes. <p>The presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drawing/designs from other similar projects, showing a strategy for the given area. • Need to look carefully at physical appearance of Green Lanes to decide how much to preserve or change e.g. how much pavement or social space; options for canopy fronts; celebrate diversity of shop facades or aim for uniformity. • Treatment of the railway bridge is also a key element; how do we treat this landmark. It was noted that this is not just a bridge but also a link between Green Lanes, Finsbury Park, the station and the Arena Shopping Centre. <p>RC noted that the rationale behind the bid was to enhance the overall Green Lanes experience, which at present is linear and narrow with no green space. The bid concentrated on three key elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bridge as welcoming gateway 2. Micro-squares as green oases 3. Revitalised shop fronts (and perhaps some upper facades) to enhance 	

<p>appearance of Green Lanes and improve resident/visitor experience.</p> <p>NC wished to see designs which not only enhanced the character of Green Lanes but which were also innovative and bold; this meant something much more than a simple make-over.</p> <p>ZB agreed with RC and NC and stressed the importance of Green Lanes (GL) as a social space.</p> <p>DS noted the he had first been attracted to Green Lanes by the independent shops and fine architecture, especially along Grand Parade; he also stressed the importance of careful tree planting as many newly planted saplings had died in recent months.</p> <p>HF like the focus on local distinctiveness and the importance of public space, but wondered about the consultation process.</p> <p>SM was concerned about the absentee landlords who charge high rents in GL, but give nothing back to the area, he also noted the importance of not only the bridge but also of its immediate surroundings e.g. overgrown trees on the west side and graffiti.</p> <p>IS and SG both noted the easy access to the bridge from the station platforms and the ease with which vandals could lean over the bridge to graffiti the structure; early and close liaison with Network Rail was crucial.</p> <p>TK stated that LIP/corridor funding would have to be incorporated with any plan from the outset once GLSG and East have agreed some outline designs. These can be costed and delivered with the LIP money as one scheme.</p> <p>GAm wondered about the Community Streets scheme in the Gardens. TK explained that this would also tie-in with the other funding streams in that it would be delivered during the same time-frame. John McQueen was the Project Engineer for the Garden's work and he would meet with East.</p> <p>DS was re-assured by NC and TK that the Frobisher Road crossing was already agreed; TfL have been paid for the outline design and a slot in their implementation programme had been booked, estimated for autumn 2013.</p> <p>ZB was anxious to ensure that the micro-squares did not become dumping grounds and noted the important role of enforcement.</p> <p>IS also noted, in this context, the need to 'design out' crime so that the micro squares did not become a magnet for ASB.</p> <p>NC noted that East would therefore need to liaise with Steve Russell (Private Sector Housing), John Forde any Tony Chapman (Neighbourhood Action Team), Myles Joyce (Planning Enforcement) and crime prevention officers and local SNT officers.</p> <p>DJ was keen to meet the Traders' Association ASAP, because many basic issues needed to be discussed and brought back to the GLSG e.g. how much should be spent on shop fronts or upper facades; should these improvements be dotted along GL or concentrated; how would premises be chosen/identified; how would the 'buy-in' work.</p>	<p>To note</p> <p>TK</p> <p>East</p> <p>East</p>
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	<p>SM and RC said that they were planning a workshop with the traders to explain and discuss all of these issues.</p> <p>NC proposed that East should come to the GLSG with more detailed and worked out initial proposals for each of the three key elements and explain how they propose to consult local people/groups etc. These could be presentations at the Area Forum and the use of a shop front in GL for exhibitions and the updates once proposals had been seen and agreed by the GLSG.</p> <p>MS noted that the bid did include money for communication (10k) and that a part of this could be used to create a pop-up shop in the empty corner site opposite the Salisbury, currently leased by KFH Estate Agents; he had been in initial touch with them regarding a possible 3-4 month use in the Autumn. If this did not materialise it may still be possible to use part of the Paul Simon premises in GL. All gave MS the go ahead to explore further providing that it was not too expensive.</p> <p>Next meeting of GLSG with East agreed for the 6th September at 6.30pm at the Kinleigh Folkland site (if available) and at the Civic Centre if not.</p> <p>NC thanked IS for taking the minutes.</p>	<p>East</p> <p>To note</p>
Part 2		
<p>3.</p>	<p>Attending NC, ZB, GA, RC, SM, IS, SG, GAm</p> <p>Apologies Cllr Schmitz, Cllr Alexander, Cllr Browne, Andy Newman, Emma Davies</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Bridge Banner</u> NC and RC were concerned that the LBH Communications claimed to have not received revenue from Bay Media for advertising on the bridge.</p> <p>RC said that the Traders' Association did not have the money. ZB said the most likely explanation was a mis-coding within LBH. NC to follow-up.</p> <p>RC said the new banners for the bridge were being put up tonight.</p>	<p>NC</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Consultation</u> A suggestion was put forward that whilst consultation was taking place in the autumn on the OLF designs/proposals, there could also be a consultation on the agreed name for the area.</p> <p>RC stressed that this only referred to GL, the high street, not to the Ladder or Gardens which already had their own name and identity. The need was to clarify this part of GL. Ideas included Harringay Green Lanes, Harringay Village and Harringay Central etc.</p> <p>It was noted that this would be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>To note</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Community Volunteer Scheme</u> NC was planning to revitalise this scheme. GA noted that she had chaired the scheme in the past and that it does have organisational and cost implications.</p> <p>Agreed that NC would meet with GA and ZB to agree details of the scheme,</p>	<p>NC/ZB/GA</p>

	which would be brought to a future GLSG meeting.	
7.	<p><u>Membership</u> The existing scheme for membership of the GLSG was agreed i.e. full members who attend all parts of the meetings and invited participants, such as HoL, who only attend as appropriate to agenda items in Part 1 of meetings, or not at all if the meeting is part 2 in its entirety.</p> <p>It was therefore crucial to have two separate and accurate lists for Part 1 and 2 attendees so that no mistake should occur in email circulation of agendas, minutes, meetings.</p> <p>NC to meet with ED to ensure accurate circulation lists for the two different groups.</p> <p>It was also agreed that, as appropriate to agenda items, the following agencies should be invited:</p> <p>Met Police, Neighbourhood Action Team, Private Sector Housing, HfH, Planning, Planning Enforcement, Waste Management/Veolia, Parks, Arena Shopping Centre and Network Rail.</p> <p>RC to find a contact for the Arena.</p>	<p>EC/NC</p> <p>RC</p>
8.	<p><u>AOB</u> <u>Parking</u> RC noted that the Overview and Scrutiny would be examining the issue of parking costs in its meeting on 23 July. He would attend with SM to explain the concerns of Green Lanes Traders. IS also agreed to attend to support the traders' arguments from a resident's perspective.</p> <p><u>Planning</u> IS had circulated key members of the GLSG with his concerns about the reasons given by Planning to justify permission for the expansion of three restaurants in GL into adjoining premises. This could easily lead to a further loss of A1 outlets as significant precedents had now been set.</p> <p><u>Licensing</u> IS noted that a number of restaurants in Green Lanes were applying for 24 hour opening during the Olympic period under a Temporary Events Notice, for a maximum period of 21 days.</p>	<p>IS</p>