

**MINUTES OF THE GREEN LANES STRATEGY GROUP  
TUESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2014**

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## Green Lanes Strategy Group Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> January 2014

**Present:** Cllrs: Zena Brabazon (Chair), John Bevan, (JB), Gina Adamou (GA), David Schmitz, ( DS)

**LBH:** Steve Jones (SJ),. Steve Goodwin (SG)

**Traders:** Rob Chau (RC)

**Residents:** Ian Sygrave (IS), Andy Newman (AN), Sue Green (SGr), Geoff Amabalino (GA), Mark McGechan (MM)

**Police:** A/S Debbie Kneebone (DK)

- 1 Apologies:** Cllrs: Nilgun Canver, David Browne, Karen Alexander  
Residents: Eileen O'Dwyer

- 2 Minutes of last meeting (9/12/13):** agreed

Matters Arising: IS had been informed by Paul Miles (LBH) that the automated traffic count on Green Lanes between junctions with Kimberley and Chesterfield Gardens was carried out to confirm traffic densities throughout the day, and to establish a comparison for the level of traffic density on Saturdays and week-days.

- 3 Update on Construction works**

- a) Update on Shopfronts (SG)**
  - Contractor already at work, with site accommodation (until end of May) in Sussex Gardens
  - Scaffolding erected for several premises, with 4 shops in first batch

- Original terms in legal agreement have been modified to specify no change to shop-fronts, without agreement, for 5 years instead of 12 years (more in keeping with other, similar schemes in London area)
- At present 16 premises have signed up, another 7 are about to do so, and a further 5 are in the pipe line; 2 have withdrawn. A couple of new applicants are therefore being considered
- GLA remains supportive with some slippage into first quarter of new financial year
- 'Before and after' photographs have been commissioned, both for recording the scheme and promoting Green Lanes as a whole
- The Coliseum site (solicitors) received planning permission for a new frontage today (28/01/14)

### b) **Bridge Update (SG)**

- Proposed work is being priced by contractors and should be signed off by Network Rail for completion by end of March
- Work to include: cleaning of brickwork on flank walls; replacing broken downpipes; lighting on soffit of bridge; speakers to offer background seasonal birdsong to greet pedestrians walking under bridge; signage across bridge to indicate Harringay Green Lanes station
- New hoarding (near Restyle Barbers) has been put up by Prime Site who have paid Network Rail; needs checking to verify whether or not planning permission is needed, even though the land is used by Network Rail
- Noted that the rubbish behind the removed hoardings (on land belonging to LBH) is still there: SG to chase
- Also noted that pigeon-proofing will need checking, as one small section has fallen from the side of the bridge

**Action:** SG to check pigeon-proofing

SJ to check rubbish/hoardings

**C) St Ann's Junction (SJ)**

- Work is on schedule, from 6 January
- junction closure is likely to be 1 March for 3 nights, but still t.b.c
- residents noted need for careful advance notice for local bus routes and diversions

**D) Paving and other works (SJ)**

- raised platform installed in Burgoyne Road; revised dates for staggered closure of all further roads adjacent to Green Lanes to be circulated in next regular update; all households will receive letters well in advance of any proposed overnight closure
- all other work will follow after paving, kerbs, corner-stones, raised platforms; to include feature lighting, tree installation, micro-square treatments, New River sign and insect hotel
- in response to issues raised by IS on behalf of LCSP members, SJ noted
  - the gap in the paving outside the Burgoyne Road side of the Old Ale Emporium will be part new paving, part asphalt, to facilitate the delivery of beer barrels to pub
  - all cracked paving slabs will be replaced , and contractors will be looking at any areas where vehicles are prone to mounting the pavement with a view to putting in a tree or planter to stop it – this will be part of the 'snagging' process at the end of the works
  - any coloured spray (to indicate utilities, etc.) will be removed and paving deep-cleaned at the end of the works (DS expressed the need to know how much a protective coating for the new paving would cost, how it would perform etc, once the deep clean had taken place,

and whether it might be financed by any underspend at the end of the programme of works)

- the re-surfacing of the Green Lanes carriageway is planned for the 2014-15 financial year, but the timing needs careful thought so as not to clash with the regeneration work along the Green Lanes corridor (the major Wood Green scheme will be starting soon)
- the area between Turnpike Lane and Falkland Road, which currently falls between the schemes will be receiving £1.5 m in LIP funding for 2014-15; new studies are underway to facilitate an improved junction in the difficult Alfoxton Avenue area
- SGr noted a number of downpipes from residential properties above the shops in Green Lanes either discharged into a blocked drain, or else simply across the pavement into the gutter
- Concern was expressed about the potential spoiling of the new work through dumping and rubbish accumulation; need for information/leaflets to be distributed (especially in Green Lanes properties) plus appropriate enforcement

**Action:** SGr to provide photos for SJ illustrating problem drainage

ZB to write to J. F Moreau/David Cook/John Forde/Tony Chapman, as appropriate, to future GLSG meeting

### e) Insect Hotel (SJ)

- Draft Memo. of understanding has been sent to the Group
- Some issues of accountability/ownership/management need greater clarity
- The Memo. might not be strong enough – need for a local agreement?
- If so, cost implications for LBH Legal to draft it
- MM noted concerns regarding insurance/liability, a maintenance contract at LBH, and whose contact details to be made available to the public?

- ZB believed that the Parks Dept. might be the ultimate guardian
- AN/IS noted that TCV – Railway Fields had already expressed a willingness to help and advise as they currently have Insect Hotels on their site and relevant expertise
- Agreed that a sub-group of the GLSG be set up to progress all these issues (SJ, AN, MM, Mary Hogan, Rev. Ige and Cllrs (as available))
- SJ also circulated a proposal for the filling in of five elements of the words 'New River' as part of the Green Lanes Festival in September
- An information plaque is also being developed to explain the purpose and composition of the sign

**Action:** SJ to facilitate sub-group meeting to progress ownership/management issues, etc.

#### **4. Green Lanes Food Festival 2014**

- RC noted that a preliminary meeting of key stakeholders had taken place to discuss the feasibility of a 2014 Festival
- This group recommends to the GLSG that such an event should go ahead, not least because of the existing support/enthusiasm from local traders and residents
- Proposed date is Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, with associated events on 27<sup>th</sup> (e.g. film at Fairland park, history walk etc.)
- AN had suggested a theme to tie in with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Britain in Bloom and the regeneration of Harringay: a flowering renaissance of the area
- JB noted that LBH is again willing to offer Council support for the crucial TMO (facilitating the road closure) and officer time

In the light of all of the above, the GLSG **formally approved** the 2014 Festival, and agreed to set up a sub-committee, chaired by Cllr. Nilgun Canver, to liaise with all the appropriate groups/individuals

RC noted the importance of securing sponsors to raise £40k, while AN suggested that 'crowd-funding' (e.g. for children's events) was an attractive idea already suggested by one local resident

Other issues to be discussed in greater detail at the first sub-committee meeting (e.g. finale event for the Festival, possible re-location of Harringay Market for the day, etc.)

### **5. Any other business**

- Green Lanes, flower-boxes: half a dozen of these have been removed from the redundant railings in Green Lanes and need re-locating.

Local resident Matt Cuthbert raised the matter at the LCSP meeting on 9 January and DS is liaising with LBH/Local Cllrs. and Matt to re-locate them on existing railings in Harringay Ward

- Harringay Hurtle will take place on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March in the form of two 'fun-runs' DK noted that police were aware of these events and would offer any help/advice as appropriate

### **6. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, 24 February at 7.30pm