

**MINUTES OF THE BETTER PLACES PARTNERSHIP (HSP)
TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2009**

Present: Councillor Brian Haley (Chair), John Brown, Judith Hanna, Peter Livermore, John Morris, Cenk Orhan (Vice-Chair), Pete Ravenor, Karen Yeadey

In Attendance: Tanya Addison, Kate Allardyce, Xanthe Barker, Martin Bradford, Alex Grear, Joan Hancox, Gemma Harris, Jennifer Hawkes, Adam Hunt, Ben Hunt, Joe Uzovia, Reverend John Wood.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTON BY
BPP57.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from the following people:</p> <p>David Anstey Nic Durston Councillor Toni Mallet (Overview and Scrutiny representative) Neil Mawson –Karen Yeadey substituted Susan Oiti</p>	
BPP58.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>No new items of Urgent Business were raised.</p> <p>Agenda items 8 and 10 were tabled at the meeting.</p>	
BPP59.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p>	
BPP60.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October be confirmed as a correct record.</p>	
BPP61.	<p>GREENEST BOROUGH INNOVATION FUND</p>	

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The Board received presentations from four of the successful bidders that had received money from the Greenest Borough Innovation Fund.

Markfield Travellers

The Board received a presentation from Roz Corrigan of the Markfield Travellers Project, which was aimed at supporting young people with learning difficulties to travel independently.

To date two young people had been through the scheme and it was hoped that once they were confident in travelling independently they would be able to act as mentors. In this way more young people would benefit from the project.

In response to a query about the proposals to remodel the Tottenham Hale gyratory, the Board was advised that although the group was aware of proposals to include an additional access point to Markfield Park, they had not been formally consulted on this or with respect to changes to traffic flow on Broad Lane. However, it was indicated that the group would welcome an additional bus stop being included within Markfield Park.

The Chair commended the project and noted that enabling people to live independently represented a welcome shift in approach.

Hornsey Meadow

A presentation was given by Kate Allardyce from the Hornsey Meadow project.

The Board was advised that the land had been donated by NHS Haringey and the project was aimed at promoting well-being. A range of initiatives were being undertaken, including:

- Food growing and promoting sustainable food sources
- Fostering 'green skills' particularly amongst young people (including the involvement of schools)
- Developing social cohesion by bringing together people from different groups within the community to work on projects

A steering group, comprised of local people, had been established, which was overseeing work to create a community organisation with charitable status. A consultation event was also being held on 19 December to gauge how people would like to see the project develop.

The Board was advised that the British Trust for Community Volunteers (BTCV) had not been approached to date; however, as the project developed this would be considered. Similarly Match Funding had not been pursued as yet as funding during the first year had been secured.

It was suggested that it may be useful for the project to contact Natural England with regard to a pilot the organisation was running to examine

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	<p>the therapeutic benefits of the natural environment.</p> <p><u>Transitions Finsbury Park</u></p> <p>The Board was advised that the Jamboree Huts were locked when they were not in use. However, the planted areas within the site were open and could be vandalised if people were minded to do so.</p> <p>It was suggested that the group might find it useful to create links with the 'Green Roots' scheme run by the Metropolitan Housing Trust situated in the north of Finsbury Park.</p> <p><u>BME Carers Support</u></p> <p>The Board was advised that a sensory garden had been established at the Selby Centre. The project had been established after consulting Carers and their clients and a common theme arising from this had been that they often felt uncomfortable using public parks.</p> <p>It was suggested that representatives from the project should attend the 'Seed Swap' event taking place at Bruce Castle in February.</p> <p>There was agreement that officers should look at options for linking the appropriate HSP Theme Boards to the issues arising from this item.</p> <p>It was noted that Sustainable Haringey produced regular email bulletins on the work they work doing in the Borough and members of the Board were encouraged to contact Sustainable Haringey [info@sustainableharingey.org.uk] if they had information that could be included within this.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the project updates be noted.</p>	<p>All to note</p>
<p>BPP62.</p>	<p>PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS AGAINST GREENEST BOROUGH STRATEGY THEMES</p> <p>The Board received a presentation on performance and progress with respect to Priority Six of the Greenest Borough Strategy (GBS): Promoting Sustainable Transport.</p> <p>An overview was given of the key projects being undertaken as part of this priority. These fell under six broad areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools and Work Travel Plans • Bus Routes • Community Transport • London Cycle Network + • Greenways • Car Clubs <p>There was discussion around the introduction of further 20mph zones</p>	

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	<p>within the Borough and the Chair noted that this was being considered by the Transport Forum at present. The only obstacle to this was enforcement; in order for 20mph zones to be introduced in all residential areas there would need to be commitment from the Police in terms of enforcement.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the Mayor for London had recently announced that funding for the London Cycle Network would be ceased at the end of this financial year and consequently it would not be possible to meet the LAA target attached to this.</p> <p>In response to a query the Board was advised that there was ongoing discussion with Transport for London (TfL) regarding bus routes and improving these to meet people's requirements.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the presentation be noted.</p>	
<p>BPP63.</p>	<p>GREENEST BOROUGH STRATEGY: PRIORITY TWO -IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT :</p> <p>The Board received a verbal update on Priority Two of the Greenest Borough Strategy: Improving the Natural Environment.</p> <p>It was noted that it had been agreed that external partner leads would be identified to work with the LB Priority sponsor to lead on the delivery of the Greenest Borough Strategy:</p> <p>In addition a Steering Group was also being established that would be led by Groundwork and would subsume the responsibilities of existing Groundwork/Haringey Steering Group.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the report had been tabled and requested that a more detailed report be brought to the next meeting for consideration.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That a more detailed report should be brought to the next meeting.</p>	<p>John Morris/ Adam Hunt</p>
<p>BPP64.</p>	<p>FAITH AND RECYCLING PROJECT UPDATE</p> <p>The Board was reminded that at the last meeting a one year targeted pilot had been agreed to increase awareness of the environmental agenda in the Borough amongst faith groups.</p> <p>It was noted that significant progress had been made since the previous meeting. It had been agreed that the project would initially focus on youth groups within the wider faith group, the people taking part would then be encouraged to share information with the wider adult faith community.</p>	

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	<p>The Board was advised the project would consult with the three major faith groups represented in the Borough –Christians, Muslims and Jews, to gauge their attitudes to environmental issues. Once this exercise had been undertaken the information gathered would be shared with project partners from the Council and Groundwork and a survey would be compiled for each faith group.</p> <p>It was noted that the project would be based at St Ann’s Church and that there would be a project officer based at the Tiverton Hut. As Project Leader Reverend Wood would act as the key contact point for the project. Reverend Wood and the project officer would meet with all of the key contacts across the faith groups to discuss practical arrangements with respect to the project.</p> <p>The Board discussed the project and it was confirmed that Reverend Nims Obunge had been contacted and would be involved in the project.</p> <p>It was recognised that within the various faiths there were different traditions and customs that would need to be treated with respect and sensitivity.</p> <p>It was suggested that the project may wish to draw on contacts obtained as part of an existing project focussing on Waste and Recycling.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the verbal update be noted.</p>	<p>Reverend Wood / Adam Hunt</p>
<p>BPP65.</p>	<p>AREA BASED GRANT -QUARTER TWO PROGRESS UPDATE</p> <p>The Board received a report that provided an overview of how projects funded by Area Based Grant (ABG) had performed during Quarter Two and an overview of each project was given.</p> <p>In response to a query the Board was advised that progress against Street Enforcement had fallen as the officer supporting the project had left the Authority; the post had now been recruited to and the new officer would be in post in the New Year.</p> <p>The Chair noted that changes to the methodology used by the North London Waste Authority (NLWA) continued to impact on performance. Representations were being made to DEFRA with respect to this and the NLWA was supporting the Council’s request for these targets to be revised.</p> <p>The Board was advised that the Community Toilet Scheme had been delayed due to a lack of interest from local business owners who had expressed concern over security. The local Chamber of Commerce was now being consulted to identify ways of improving participation.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>	

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	<p>That the report be noted.</p>	
<p>BPP66.</p>	<p>GREENEST BOROUGH STRATEGY INTEGRATED PROJECT AND PERFORMANCE REPORT -UPDATE ON QUARTER TWO 'RED' STATUS PROJECTS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</p> <p>The Board considered a tabled report detailing performance against Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets within its responsibility during Quarter Two.</p> <p>The Board discussed performance against targets with respect to Lordship Recreation Ground and Markfield Park. It was noted that the delays were due to a lack of information around when the utility companies were due to carry out work at Markfield park. The Chair requested that officers from the various Council departments liaise and, if necessary write to the contractor, to ascertain when the work would be scheduled.</p> <p>Despite the 'Red' status currently attached to Carbon Management targets the Board was advised that officers were confident that this would be achieved by March 2010. At present a Schools Environmental Strategy was being drafted and this would be completed during 2010. It was confirmed that Children's Services had been heavily involved in the drafting of the Strategy.</p> <p>It was recognised that performance against School Travel Plans had now reached a plateau and there was agreement that it would be useful to obtain data from other Local Authorities with respect to this for benchmarking purposes.</p> <p>The Board was advised by representatives from Transport for London (TfL) that 'I Trace' data would be used to inform School Travel Plans rather than data collected from the school census.</p> <p>In response to a query the Board was advised that there were options for extending the Local Cycling Network scheme, including the use of money derived from Section 106 contributions. The Chair requested that the Board receive an update on this at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Chair requested that a meeting was arranged to brief him on the action being taken to resolve issues at Lordship Recreation ground.</p> <p>The Board discussed Travel Plans and it was noted that the TfL would be producing a second report, which would take into account the impact that the Recession had made on travel patterns in London and this would be published in the New Year.</p> <p>The Chair noted that this information would be useful for benchmarking purposes.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>	<p>John Morris / Joan Hancox</p> <p>Joan Hancox</p> <p>John Morris??</p>

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	That the report be noted.	
BPP67.	NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS No new items of Urgent Business were raised.	
BPP68.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS No items of AOB were raised.	
BPP69.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS It was noted that next meeting was scheduled for 18 February 2010 at 6.30pm.	

COUNCILLOR BRIAN HALEY

Chair

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.