

East Greenwich Residents Association

Public Meeting Minutes

13th September 2017

1. Rothbury Hall: People's parlour (Dan Hayes/Natasha Cossey from EEA)

Dan Hayes:

Project Background: Emergency Exit Arts (EEA) are running People's Parlour, a couple of our members attended the pilot project. This is a collaboration between EGRA & EEA to try and do something bigger for the senior community (over 60s) in East Greenwich & the broader area. The initiative centres on a weekly event for next 12 months, punctuated by some major community events. There are plans for a Lantern procession in December, followed hopefully by some outside events as the weather improves and also involving younger members of the community. EGRA is committed to help raise the funding required to make this happen. We have so far secured a couple of decent grants (Arts Council £15k, Greenwich Community Arts Fund £2.5k) and are also launching a crowd funding campaign where we hope to convince local companies to get involved as well

We are looking for people to help raise awareness, help promote & organise this. Hopefully after the initial 12 months we will be able to continue funding this and help to turn Rothbury Hall into an even more successful community asset.

Natasha Cossey:

Introduction: I am a community artist, and have worked with EEA for 12 years. EEA are focussed on bringing people together and work with other local groups such as the maritime museums. From the initial pilots there was strong feeling that greening of the area and making it a more pleasant environment as well as building artistic skills were key things people were looking for, things we can do together. Previous projects have involved creating lanterns and hope to do a procession as part of this too, to engaging with 5 local schools & 3 community centres. We will process locally and have a community celebration at the end in Rothbury hall.

There will be a promotional event on 23rd September at the Flamstead estate; a pop up lounge & space to chat with people. They will be invited to come along and there will be poetry, planting, decorating planters as well as teas & cake.

We are also speaking to a Dr at the University of Greenwich who is interested in the project and open to evaluating and assessing its impacts. This will stand us in good ground for future developments.

We are looking for everyone to spread the word about the first event on 28th September, where the best places are to flyer, or if anyone wants to volunteer time to help with the project please let us know at info@egra.london.

It was flagged that local schools already have a lantern parade, EEA will look to ensure that this doesn't clash.

2. Community Greening (Sheila Keeble):
 - a. Donation of plants if you have them

We have just completed a replant of the barriers on Trafalgar Rd, thank you to Charlotte for the Cyclamen. We have also planted outside Rothbury hall, if anyone is doing any gardening and is dividing any plants, particularly Japanese Anemones, Fox Gloves or any perennials, except Ivy or Begonias but anything other than that. Please leave them outside 36 Bellot St and they will be looked after.

B&Q have a policy of trying to be engaged with the local community and we are hoping to be able to 'rescue' plants that have been marked down but not sold.

Tree planting initiative in Bellot St: This street has mixed architecture, there seems like there may be financing and support from councillors via Stephen Brain. However we need to get names on a petition from those within the street to make this happen, this is at a formative stage.

When Lovell's Wharf was built Pelton Rd & Christchurch way were due to have new trees, there is some leverage in ensuring that we back this initiative that now has momentum.

3. Aluna Project (Laura Williams)

This project is inspired by Maritime art and will create a truly public space that means something to all of us. The aim is that it will connect us together and with the planet. It will be on a site at Point Wharf next to the draw dock and is on the meridian line. It is a £14m project, which includes planning & delivering the space, it will be a civic space and there will be an ongoing public engagement programme. It will be three vast recycled glass rings, tracking the moon & influence on the Earth, a moon and tide clock.

All details of the project discussed at the meeting can be found on this website:

<http://www.alunatime.org/index.htm>

Everyone at the meeting was excited about the project and supportive. As further details become available we will keep everyone updated.

4. CIL Payments (Ray Smith)

Current position is that there isn't a meaningful mechanism in place for consultation on the 15% that should be consulted with the community. The last Better Together meeting had an agenda item for consultation on CIL, the approach was amateurish, not fit for purpose. Among the groups represented were EGRA, Greenwich Society & Westcombe Society and it was suggested that we form an informal coalition to try and get these matters improved, this is what has happened.

For CIL purposes the borough is split into areas. We are in area 2 with Westcombe Park & West Greenwich. We have sent a long and considered message putting forward a series of issues that might form a discussion between the coalition group & officers of the council for how we move this forward in a more considered way, sent on 26th July, signed by the chairs of all three organisations, so far no acknowledgement has been received. They have verbally confirmed it was received 2 weeks post sending and we will follow up to try and get a response.

Following the Better Together meeting Dan Hayes wrote to Danny Thorpe expressing displeasure with the lack of information, they have provided a response with some details as to amounts for CIL and answers one of two of the questions that were raised in the broader letter. £2.5m raised across the borough, £230k is available for this area, there's a further

estimated £550k on the basis of schemes approved. \$106 monies are to be posted on the website.

The CIL letter has been posted to the website [here](#)

5. Enderby Wharf (Dan Hayes)

Morgan Stanley are putting up the land for the cruise liner terminal for sale £54m. We are not sure what this means in terms of when it would be developed, it's possible that it is becoming a reputational issue for them.

The Port of London Authority (PLA) have launched a green strategy for the river including port wide air quality study including feasibility of on shore power for all shipping (doesn't include Enderby Wharf though). PLA & GLA are talking about this issue now and feasibility.

Answer from the council has always been that no onshore power because it's not feasible (based on developers assertions), we have written another letter to try and understand what this feasibility study included and that this should include the economic benefits. His return said that this terminal should result in additional £25m for local economy, costs of onshore power are £2-3m so this must be worth it.

a. Stop Killing Londoners: Cut Air Pollution (Rosalind Rui)

This campaign was set up as an offshoot of rising up, they have run 3 road blocks so far, one coming up tomorrow in Brixton and a big one on Marylebone Rd on 21st September.

The tactics are for creative civil disobedience actions to raise awareness. Trying to build a direct action groups across London with the hope of co-ordinating. Existing groups are: Brixton, Hammersmith Friend of the Earth on High St Kensington and a group in Bristol running their own action.

The campaign over the autumn will step up, at the moment the road blocks are sub 10 mins so those taking part don't get arrested. Now looking to step this up, there are people who are prepared to get arrested. There can be some aggression from drivers caught up in the hold ups, we tend to diffuse this by dancing.

b. Updated leaflet campaign (Dan Hayes)

In progress, further update at the next meeting.

c. Current Open Petitions (Dan Hayes)

The EU petition has been accepted for review by the European commission, it is a bit of a convoluted process but we would urge anyone who hasn't already to sign up. It is another key to turn and ramp up pressure with local MPs & councillors.

We have also petitioned Michael Gove, and have posed the question on why a diesel cruise liner terminal for London, this has had 1,550 signatures so far. This has been the most rapid uptake that we've seen. It does suggest the mind share on the issue is growing.

6. Neighbourhood Plan closure (Dan Hayes)

We have had a couple of goes at this, but it has proved too big a project for us to manage. All in the meeting agreed that this is the only course of action as no-one was forthcoming with the capacity to cover this.

7. Local Policing (Dan Hayes)

Steve Westbury is in charge of policing on the Peninsula, we are looking to understand what their strategy is for the area. As the area has grown more rapidly crime will likely escalate. The local policing group have an advisory panel, this meets about 4 times a year, mainly consists of local residents with an interest, EGRA can be represented there. If Steve can provide the schedule of panel meetings we can canvas two or three weeks ahead of the meeting to get input from members on areas of concern.

Action: Send out email to members canvassing opinion and what can be raised.

8. AOB

Consultation on traffic lights at Maze Hill has just been released, we will push out to membership so that they are aware

Raised that it would be good to invite Matthew Pennycook to a future meeting as we haven't had an update from him in a while. We will extend the invite.