

# Notes from Hyde Park Interim Forum Meeting, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 7pm, Cardigan Centre

## 1. Attendance

**Present:** Cllr Walshaw, Anup Sharma (LCC), Ying Ho, Dawn Carey Jones, Sue Buckle, Lydia Blundell, Michael Gyi, Nick Brighthouse, Adele Beeson, Cath Nelson, Mr Choudry, Andy Sloss, Rev Heston Groenewald, Victoria Jaquiss, Tanis Belsham-Wray, Wendy Cook, Pav Akhtar. **Apologies:** Ian Mackay (Neighbourhood Planning Manager LCC), Mary Osborne, Pravin Dayalji, Nathan Clarke, Peter Rider, Amit Roy, Janet Bailey, Jen Carlberg, Marian Charlton, Cath Adams, Simon Hall, Howard Eaglestone, Mick Jolley, Bill McKinnon, Barbara Mitchell, Hafeez Yaqub.

## 2. Introductions

Anup Sharma, Planning Policy, LCC introduced himself as our new first point of contact – we can ask him as many questions as we need to throughout our Neighbourhood Planning process, and he can help us with policy writing. The publicising of our application to be a Forum should start on 27<sup>th</sup> April and there will be a six week period in which people can comment. The decision by LCC on whether or not to designate us must take no longer than 13 weeks. It's a good idea to send supportive comments. Leeds is the country's leader in Neighbourhood Forums. LCC is in partnership with us. The inspector who looks at our neighbourhood plan will be interested in the plan only, not other things the Neighbourhood Forum may have been doing. If we want to see how some other Forums are operating we can ask to attend their meetings. The Holbeck Forum is meeting on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Our Forum is one of four in Inner North West Leeds and we should think about how we can work together. If we'd like Anup to come to any of our meetings, let him know. The council will provide a standard contract on what levels of support we can expect from them. After Anup had spoken, everyone else in the room introduced themselves.

## 3. Minutes and Matters Arising

**Minutes from February 17th 2015 Meeting** were circulated. The second and third paragraphs of the second column on page two were amended to more accurately reflect our planning consultant's role in the process so far. **Matters Arising:** The web site is now live thanks to Andy. Feedback was highly positive, with the navigation buttons made from parts of the logo particularly singled out as working well, as well as the site's friendliness. Can people send info and images for the web site to Dawn to pass on to Andy. Images can be in any format but should be as high res as possible. Tanis is adept at managing twitter accounts and will set up a twitter account once the local council elections are over.

**4. Vision for Hyde Park:** The vision was circulated and approved by those at the meeting.

## 5. Application for Forum Designation

Our application to be formally designated as a Forum has been submitted (see section 2 above). Consultation on this

works like planning applications; notices have to be displayed in certain places for a certain amount of time. We discussed ways to get more people involved and to find out the views of more people in the Hyde Park Area. We decided to produce a flyer to be distributed to all households in our Area. Tanis, Andy and Nick volunteered to write, design and organize the printing of this. The flyer will have our web address, facebook address and other contact details. We discussed other ways of getting people involved and decided to have a drop-in event at All Hallows' Real Junk Food Café on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, from 10am til evening. This will be advertised on the flyer. We have £100 of grant money left over to spend on the flyer. Mr Choudry said that good times to talk to people visiting the Makki Masjid & Masala would be 2.15pm on Fridays.

## 6. Setting Up of Committee

There was discussion about the committee and volunteers to be on it were asked for. We felt it was important for the committee to be made up of people from different parts of the Hyde Park Area, as well as people carrying out different roles in the Area. We discussed whether we needed to have a formal vote, or whether the committee could be established through by email and decided we could send out an email proposing a committee and asking for people to let us know within a specified time if they didn't agree. We decided that committee meetings should be open to anyone who wanted to attend and would not be separate from Forum meetings. Anup said he'll send through information about the role of Treasurer.

## 7. Frequency of Meetings

We agreed that meetings would take place every six weeks and would rotate through the days of the week (Mondays to Thursdays) and always be from 7pm till 9pm. Dawn agreed to book the meetings and notify people of the dates.

## 8. Ask people which areas of the Plan they're most interested in

Simple questionnaires were circulated to help people think about what areas of the plan they might be most interested in working on, and to help work out how we might work things in the future.

**9. Any Other Business:** None. **10. Date of Next Meeting:** See section 7 above.

## Things To Do

<b>Anup</b>	Send info requested during meeting to Dawn
<b>Dawn</b>	Amend 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb Minutes
<b>Dawn</b>	Send email about proposed committee to all
<b>Tanis, Andy, Nick</b>	Produce Flyers
<b>Dawn</b>	Book next meetings and notify people of dates
<b>All</b>	Send info and images for web site
<b>Tanis</b>	Set up twitter account