

Notes from Hyde Park Interim Forum Meeting

Monday 19th January 2015

7pm, Cardigan Centre

1. Attendance

Present: Cllr Walshaw, Jenna Riley (Community Planner LCC), Ian Mackay (Neighbourhood Planning Manager LCC), Howard Eaglestone, Marian Charlton, Amanda Jackson, Dawn Carey Jones, Sue Buckle, Pav Akhtar, Lydia Blundell, Wendy Cook, Bill McKinnon, Ibrahim Omar, Michael Gyi, Nick Brighouse, Cath Nelson, Cath Adams, Rev Joanna Seabourne, Barbara Mitchell. **Apologies:** Cllr Walker, Cllr Pryor, Jill Setterington, Mary Osborne, Pravin Dayalji, Tanis Belsham-Wray, Shafiq Sheikh, Nathan Clarke, Amit Roy, Janet Bailey, Mick Jolley, George Bradley, Jen Carlberg, Amit Roy

2. Minutes from October 2014 Launch Meeting

Minutes were circulated which mainly listed what people liked, disliked and would like to see in Hyde Park.

3. What's been happening?

Ian Mackay (IM) summarised Neighbourhood Planning Developments in Leeds: Holbeck Forum and Area designated; Headingley Forum and Area designated; Seacroft Forum and Area designated; Little Woodhouse Area designated; Hyde Park Area designated; Kirkstall plan being set up; Wortley looking into having a plan.

IM told the group about refocus of funding nationally. Groups will still be able to apply for up to £7000 but emphasis has shifted to support from online information and help from already established groups.

IM explained about the difficulty of allocating boundaries in non-parished areas and that Hyde Park had not got the whole of the area it applied for. There had been more representations made about the Headingley and Hyde Park Areas than anywhere else nationally. There was discussion about parts of Woodhouse Moor and parts of Hyde Park Corner which now lie outside the Hyde Park Area and concern expressed.

IM summarised what "designation of forum" meant: Allowing a group of 21 or more local people to prepare a Plan for their community that will be assessed by an independent Inspector then put to the vote of people living in the Area as to whether to adopt it or not. If the inspector thinks issues in the

proposed plan from one area will affect another then he or she may rule that people from a neighbouring Area should vote too. There will be opportunity to comment on local Plans at pre-submission stage as well as to the Inspector. Neighbouring Areas should work together.

4. Organisation

Dawn Carey Jones (DCJ) suggested the group needed a committee so that things could be run on a more organised footing and to enable the group to move forward, but that the committee would be answerable to the group as a whole. Suggested having two or three committee members responsible for seeing that certain tasks got done, such as two or three for plan content; two or three for forum designation; two or three for funding; two or three for publicity etc. IM suggested that an alternative might be to have a local resident/councillor as chair and a secretary and treasurer but that it might be simplest to carry on as we are for now. Councillor Walshaw (NW) said he would be happy to chair a group that got the Hyde Park Forum designated. DCJ suggested that plan content and forum designation could be worked on at the same time but IM suggested focus should be forum designation. NW said he would circulate email asking people to join a group to get the plan designated. This group will meet on 3rd Feb at 7pm.

IM suggested a student on a 10 week placement with planning could support Hyde Park as well as Little Woodhouse, beginning on 10th Feb.

Laura Blundell said that there may be more student help available through the Social Innovation Plan launched by Leeds University.

NW	to circulate email asking for people to join group to work on designation
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5. Any Other Business

Sue Buckle and DCJ have been paying for meeting rooms so far. NW said we could claim the costs back from MICE money.

DCJ has spoken to a Planning Consultant who would be happy to support us if we got funding.

DCJ has spoken to Locality and submitted expression of interest for funding. We are eligible but deadline is end of the week. DCJ advised to try for funding.

DCJ	to apply for funding and ask Planning Consultant for day rate
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6. Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th Feb, 7pm til 9pm, Cardigan Centre