

Notes from Hyde Park Interim Forum Meeting, Wednesday 26th August 2015, 7pm, Cardigan Centre

1. Attendance

Present: Rev Heston Groenewald, Cllr Walshaw, Ian Mackay (LCC), Ying Ho, Dawn Carey Jones, Sue Buckle, Lydia Blundell, Beverley Sharman, Andy Sloss, Wendy Cook, Adil Asif, Sabina Hussain, Quis Hussain, Simon Hall, Shafique Sheikh, Dmitrijs Oginskis, PC Chris, PC Mark.

Apologies: Mary Osborne, Pravin Dayalji, Nathan Clarke, Peter Rider, Amit Roy, Janet Bailey, Jen Carlberg, Marian Charlton, McKinnon, Barbara Mitchell, Hafeez Yaqub, Adele Beeson, Howard Eaglestone, Tanis Belsham-Wray, Rob Baker, Steve Rowley, Jill Settrington, Pav Akhtar, Anup Sharma (LCC).

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes from July 14th 2015 Meeting were approved.

3. Consultation Consultation has taken place at All Hallows Church Café, Joint Churches Picnic on Woodhouse Moor, Hyde Park Unity Day, Yorkshire Day at Hyde Park Picture House and Better Leeds Communities. Consultation Events with mosques, SHCA members and Brudenell School are in the pipeline. Ying gave a presentation of some of the collated and analysed responses so far, particularly to do with what people like, dislike and would like to see improved in the Hyde Park Area.

4. Policy Groups

Open / Green Space Group Report: Bill is writing up the history of Woodhouse Moor with a view to creating story boards and signage. Shafique is looking into possible routes for a green corridor, joining up greenspaces in our Area, as well as carrying out an audit of all the pieces of green in our Area, including tiny spaces.

Arts and Culture Group Report: This group has been looking at getting Hyde Park included in the Leeds bid for Capital of Culture, as well as looking at possible places to hold markets in our Area (Royal Park Site? Outside Picture House?), and at creating a directory of artists / musicians / creative practitioners in our Area.

New Policy Groups: A Housing Group and "Clean-Up Hyde Park" Group were set up. In the Housing Group: Cllr Walshaw, Sue, Adil, Dawn. In the "Clean-Up" Group: Cllr Walshaw, Rev Heston, Dmitrijs, Shafique. Lydia to ask her replacement to join this group in the future.

5. Web Site and Social Media Update

Could people please keep sending content to Andy for the web site. Wendy and Tanis have been making regular updates to our facebook page. Thanks very much to them both for this.

6. Forum Designation Update

We are just waiting for a signature from Cllr Richard Lewis and then we will be officially designated.

7. News

Maple Grove Developments have leafleted some residences nearby the former Leeds Girls' High School Sports Site (between Chestnut Ave, Victoria Rd and Ash Grove) to let us know about a proposal for a 262-bed gated student accommodation development for the site. The meeting agreed that Dawn should send an email to the developers outlining why our Neighbourhood Forum is against this proposal.

North West Leeds Transport Forum (made up predominantly from residents of West Park and Weetwood) have released a report claiming support for their transport proposals which include building a new road over the corner of Woodhouse Moor between Woodhouse Lane and Hyde Park Road. We had people at the presentation they gave through Headingley Neighbourhood Plan and at City of Leeds School and these meetings certainly didn't show support for the NWLTF proposals. The questionnaire NWLTF sent out was badly designed, not least because it asked people from all areas to comment on proposals for all areas i.e. someone from West Park could say what they'd like to see in Hyde Park or vice versa. The meeting agreed that Dawn should email NWLTF and councillors to say that we oppose any sort of development within the boundary of Woodhouse Moor.

Locality Meeting 14th Sept: Representatives from Locality are coming to meet with us and have a walk around our Area on 14th Sept. If anyone would like to join, please meet at All Hallows Café at 11.30am.

8. Committee

Everyone was happy with the proposed committee which will become formal all being well at our AGM (date for AGM to be decided once we're designated).

9. Any Other Business:

Lydia is leaving to take a job at Huddersfield University. Thanks to Lydia for being part of our Forum and for the work she's put in, especially the minute taking. **Parking** by visitors outside residential properties is a big problem especially at Friday Night Prayers at the mosques, and especially by commuters. This was discussed in detail and will hopefully be looked at in future workshops.

10. Date of Next Meetings: 8th October, 16th November.

Things To Do

Dawn	Draft email to Maple Grove Dev to say why our Neighbourhood Forum is opposed to their proposals.
Dawn	Write to NWLTF and councillors
Dawn	Send email to members about meeting with Locality