

MLGB Neighbourhood Forum Meeting Notes

Thursday 18 Feb, 6-7pm

Chaired by Helen Moore and Kat Zamri-Peel (East Street Arts)

23 people in attendance (9 residents and 14 organisations)

1. Welcome and introductions

- zoom etiquette/safe space
- Agenda

2. Member introductions and ice breaker - everyone introduced themselves and shared their favourite thing about the neighbourhood

3. Helen Moore gave a quick recap on the neighbourhood plan activity so far

4. Now we are a forum - what happens next? Abbie Miladonovic from LCC planning team gave a brief overview of how a neighbourhood forum works and the eventual recruitment of a chair, treasurer and secretary

5. Types of membership and communications - Kat explained the two different types of forum membership described below:

Active Member

An active member is someone who wants to be more hands on with their role and you will be a core member of creating the Neighbourhood Plan, its meetings and activities. There will be the potential to get stuck into the community in other ways too!

- Attend one Neighbourhood Forum meeting each month
- Work with local council, councillors, businesses owners and organisations to develop positive and resident-focused relationships
- Receive updates on proposed planning in the area
- Decision making / submitting ideas and proposals for Mailing List Members to vote on
- Representing your Neighbourhood and Mailing List Members
- Access to training, workshops and activities that will help develop skills and knowledge of Neighbourhood Planning and development.
- To apply and secure additional funding as a Neighbourhood Forum to develop your community and area in addition to the Neighbourhood Plan
- More defined roles available include: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of the Neighbourhood Forum.

Mailing List Member

A mailing list member is someone who wants to keep updated about the Neighbourhood Forum by email or post, who will be invited to meetings and attend them occasionally, and who will have a say in documentation and ideas that have been put forward by Active Members.

- Attend a minimum of one Neighbourhood Forum meeting every three months
- Vote and have a say on ideas proposed by the Active Members
- Get involved with occasional causes or projects of interest
- Receive Neighbourhood Forum and Plan updates by post or email
- Opportunity to take part in skill building workshops and activities

Helen added that we need a minimum of 21 members signed up for formal designation, but only half of those might attend meetings and be active.

6. Neighbourhood Zine - edition 2

- Kat outlined that there had been specific interest from members to be involved in the second neighbourhood zine
- There will be a zine sub-group formed for those interested with separate meetings starting in March
- The next zine will have a 'Green' theme and focus on climate change

Feedback from members:

- Coop Academy to provide insight into challenges faced by EAL pupils in the next Zine, also offered the school for use by the forum and wider community
- ESOL provision highlighted in the next Zine

7. Opportunities - Helen gave an update on activities and opportunities in the neighbourhood - info below:

Season for Change; The Space Between:

- ESA are running a small Climate Change festival with 4 artists commissioned to create work about our environment, all in the neighbourhood.
- Forum and local community are invited to get involved with workshops, online events and live experiences for small groups

Art Hostel:

- ESA will be launching a new art hostel in April, with 16 rooms designed by artists - one with Shakespeare Primary School.
- One of the rooms is being designed by artist collective; Caraboo - they are basing the room around stories and legends and would love to know any local myths or legends so if you have any to share please get in touch
- Artist Janine Sykes will be doing a residency in the hostel called 'Home' exploring out experiences of home through lockdown. There will be opportunities for forum members and the community to get involved in this.
- There will also be jobs and volunteer opps for local people when the hostel is up and running, plus events, workshops,, hire space, and a garden - so a huge neighbourhood asset!

Matthew Raw -

- Some of you will have received and filled in a colour booklet to contribute to a tile mural going up on Convention House (next to ESA offices) shakespeare primary

school have also been involved in this and everyone will be invited to the launch in the summer

Add Fuel - Burmantofts Mural

- In July Portuguese artist ADD FUEL will be doing a mural on one of the housing blocks (site TBC) with Shakespeare Primary School involved
- There will be some community consultation on this in the coming months

AOB

- The Zine sub group mtg will be held on Thursday 11th March at 6pm on Zoom
- The next forum meeting will be held on Thursday 25 March at 6pm on Zoom

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