



Minutes of the meeting on Friday 13 July 2018
Held at: Studio 9294, Main Yard, Hackney Wick

**“Working together to establish a permanent, sustainable, creative economy in
Hackney Wick and Fish Island”**

CIG Minutes – July 2018

Attendance

Patric Okumi

Mathieu Rodgers

Greg Brydie

Lorna Blake

Lawrence Mohammed

Remi Suri

Katherine Igoe-Ewer

Tristan More

Tommo Stuart

Rob Piggott

Andy McCredie

Briony Fleming

Rebecca Taft

Rowan Longhurst

Rebecca Feiner

Saira Raza

Fiona Meeks

Abbas Nokhasteh

Neil McDonald

William Atkinson

Victoria Stonebridge

Fabricio Mendes

Gill Wildman

1) Tristan More – CEZ Bid

Tristan More from the CEZ lead consultation team explains the bid and the Mayor's priorities of hoping to support creative workspace and support local young people in their pathways within the creative economy. Explains the bid, the short list, the lead applicants, the consultation team and what they've been doing. Explains the time table and the funding streams and the decision criteria.

Tristan also explains the reason why he's at this CIG as well as the last meeting and the three lunch meetings, etc...and invites everyone to the WickWednesday dinner meeting at the Pearl.

Ultimately Tristan also highlights some of the findings from the research and consultation so far. And explains the challenges around the definition of what is creative, what can be considered a creative workspace.

2) Greg Brydie – Pall Mall

Greg explains he is director at Pall Mall that owns Main Yard since back in 2002. Leading on the Hackney Wick central master plan to redevelop this site re-providing the same amount of workspace currently there, plus a development of 125 apartments, all in line with what was master planned historically. Invites everyone to come and see the public exhibition on Tuesday evening and Wednesday evening at number 92, Main Yard.

Explains they are working closely with Remi (90 Main Yard) particularly; that's part of their submission they have to provide ten thousand sq. ft. of affordable workspace. And Remi is having a pre-let of that space since he's keen to stay in the area, now being from when development kicks off to about 10 to 15 years.

Neil asked if the whole site would be demolished. What happens with Grow and those studios? Greg replied that in terms of development they're not sure how it's going to be phased. But they've given them a clear three-year period effectively from now. So they now have medium term security and within this time they'll negotiate with them. They'd like to have the site as soon as possible. But in the meantime Pall Mall has given them both leases to expand their businesses on site. Number Group is taking 92 and 94 and Grow is expanding into the whole ground floor of 86. So in terms of increased square footage that has been made available to be able to flourish in the next three year period, Greg

thinks it's a good story which should help them to find a new place in this time frame considering the amount of new affordable workspace coming to the area.

He also explained the logistics of the building site and that he appreciates that Grow may become isolated in the back of Main Yard and that they should also be looking at working together with Telford Homes.

3) Andy McCredie – Redgates Theatre

Since November 2017 Andy's been running Redgates Theatre providing a platform for voices that are not usually heard on theatre. Explains his business model and the great partnerships they've been doing over the last 8 months until the time the landlord prohibited them to run the theatre there. And Andy is now looking for a place to allocate some performances and rehearsals.

4) Fabrício Mendes – Wick Wednesday

Highlights – Barge East opening etc, Hackney Shorts at Here East, Cloud Cuckoo Land and Unit G Gallery, CEZ dinner.

5) Neil McDonald – CDT update

CDT plans are very much in line with the CEZ Bid but also about the bottom up governance structure etc; explaining that CDT was founded much before any CEZ bid and that the plan is to increase the governance body with other local representatives. It's meant to be an on going topic that a CDT would be necessary with or without a CEZ bid or award.

6) AOB

Katherine from Yard Theatre announced a new show coming at the Yard as part of their program at Hub67.

Neil invites for an opening exhibition at Stour Space.

Fabricio – Grassroot Screenings at Stour Space.

Patric – LINKD Card

Gill – Another Hackney Town Hall Event soon after summer.

Next CIG: Friday 14th September 2018