



Minutes of the meeting on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
Held at: Crate Bar & Pizzeria, White Building  
Hackney Wick

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

In attendance:

Cllr. Nick Sharman (LB Hackney)  
James Melmoth  
Fred Letts (Percolate Music)  
Adrian Redfern (Crate Brewery)  
Mark Smith (Isokon Plus)  
Katherine Igoe-Ewer (Tha Yard Theatre/Hub 67)  
Mark Crane (LLDC)  
Ralph Ward (University of East London)  
Victoria Stonebridge (LLDC)  
Josh Glanville (Hackney Wick Boulder Project)  
Ozlem Edizel (Middlesex University)  
Austen Newsam Batchelor  
Yolanda Antonopoulou (Gaia Pulses)  
Philippe Castaing (Make Shift)  
Abbas Nokhasteh (Openvizor)  
Aneesha Lowni (Thingy Studios)  
Charlotte Flint (V&A)  
Lorna Blake (Hackney Wick & Fish Island)  
Neil McDonald (Stour Space)  
Jasel Nandha (Here East)  
Cllr. Francesca Colloca (LLB Hackney)  
Kerry Sheldrick (V22)  
Gill Wildman (Plot London)  
Annette Zera (Artist (MotherX))

1. Percolate

- Percolate and Crate are producing the Queen’s Yard Summer Party Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April (Bank Holiday weekend). Music, food, drinks and market stalls.
- Mick’s Garage, The Yard, Brewshed and Howling Hops will have music acts. Record stalls and local traders outside in Queens Yard, no amplified music outside.

- Inspiration taken from the Hackney WickED festival but more music focussed. Others from Queens Yard and other artists locally invited to join in event. Already working with Pearl and Coutts who will clear the yard and carpark for the event. Stalls still available for the marketplace, they already have record stalls so other types encouraged.
- Tickets will only be required to access the music venues, the rest of the event will be totally free meaning there will be full access to the yard with an optional donation upon entry to support the cost of the entire event. Local tickets will be available and they will share further details.
- Percolate have a background in music events but looking to branch further into the arts and creative. Working in East London for 5 years. Focus on community interaction. There will be Arts Grants available for local artists to get involved with this event, applications open the end of the month and info will be circulated via CIG. **(SEE ATTACHED)**
- This is the same day as the Hackney Half Marathon, so should be busy and a good vibe. Noted that the Hackney Wick Overground Station won't be open as closed for the upgrade works.
- Market will be starting approx. midday and ending around 6-7pm ish. Latest venue is Mick's Garage with a 2am curfew. The music venues will start closing at 10:30 and will be staggered, ensuring there aren't too many people aren't spilling out into the street.
- Someone noted that the Everything in Colour market and the London Local (affiliated by Etsy) events have been very successful. Would be good for locals be able to get involved in future markets. Events Manager would be the best contact the events manager ali@cratebrewery.com

ACTION: Percolate / Crate to circulate information on Arts Grants and locals tickets. **(SEE ATTACHED)**

## 2. Hackney Council Licensing Service

- The service works in many different areas covering the prevention of crime and disorder, public nuisance, safety etc. The licencing policy become effective in 2005, last update 2016.
- Recent consultation reviewing the policy that has included stakeholder meetings, soft consultation on Hackney's evening and night-time economy and focus groups.
- Keen to get an understanding of how the policy will affect HW, will need to align the guideline hours around the residential areas.

Feedback from the group:

- Noted that Main Yard and Wallis Road area will need to be considered, along with the new developments including HWFI Neighbourhood Plan, Clarnico Quay, HWFI Creative BID/CEZ.
- The night-time economy is good for creative businesses. All agreed that its good that shops are open 24hrs. People generally feel safer when bars / shops / restaurants are open later, especially women that may be walking in the area alone.
- Noted that Grow have been experiencing issues with their 10:30 early licence, in comparison to Canal Side that have been granted later. Some of the policies seem to be

protecting the future residents, when they should be focussing on the current businesses and residents. New residents will need to be aware of activity in HW before moving in.

- So far the 24hrs tube has been good for local businesses and residents. In the summer it is expected that it will bring in people to the area later in the evenings and a later running Overground service would be positive.
- Agreed that any new policy should support cultural offering, new businesses and late licencing.

ACTION: Share link for consultation and updates through the CIG.

### 3. HW Community Cup

- Hub 67 are working on a range of community events to bring together people from across the ward. Football brings people together (including young people) and this event will be led by Bobby from Hackney FC and Luke from Hackney Quest.
- The HW Community Cup will be on 14 April on Mabley Green. Knockout tournament: 7 players in a team, over 12s. At the moment is separate men's and women's teams, will confirm this as there may be interest in mixed teams.
- Teams are invited to take part. Will need to be able to provide a full team of 7 players on the day, so need to consider subs etc. It will be a family event and there will be an Easter egg hunt, BBQ and stalls.
- There is a small budget available to design the Hackney Wick cup, would be good for a local artist to get involved.

ACTION: Luke / Bobby to circulate further details about the event

### 4. Creative Wick Film School

- First film school took place last year with Wick Award Grant and Alias Hire
- This year starts on the 28 March and is supported by the West Ham United Foundation, BT Creative, Openzvizor and Alias Hire. Group of young aspiring film makers will be mentored by local film makers, with the films being shown at BT Sport on the 4k screen.
- Every third Tuesday of the month there will be film Screenings with Films Feed You. (Entry is a donation to First Love Foundation, our local food bank.) Various films on shows, producers from different projects.

ACTION: Everyone to circulate info to young people through their networks.

### 5. Town Hall Meeting

- Tensions have been building due to the bridges and concrete plant campaigns, other recent changes and the widespread development that is now evident in the HWFI area. Plot are

suggesting to run a town hall meeting – an open meeting to represent different ideas and discuss issues that affect those living in HWFI and in the local area.

- The meeting will use Open Space Technology, a successful democratic technique to get people speaking to each other.
- Supported by The Yard who have offered to host the event (date to be confirmed). Emphasis that this event needs to reach out across both Hackney and Tower Hamlets, to ensure the whole community is represented - not just the usual suspects that are vocal.
- Agreed that the topic needs agreed in advance to bring people in for specific conversations that interest them, with as much notice as possible.
- Francesca Colloca (LLDC) added that she can recommend some good local facilitators if required.

ACTION: Details of the meeting to be shared as far in advance as possible.

## 6. Save Hackney Wick

- Good developments with the campaign:
  - Tower Hamlets Major Biggs' objection to the bridges following meeting in Nov
  - London Assembly meeting in Jan was good, the outcome publicised last week
  - Recommendations from the Mayor's office strongly urging against the H16 bridge and instructing the LLDC to work with local community to explore alternative options.
- A CPO request was sent by Neil McDonald (Stour Space) in 2014, only received a response from LLDC in Feb 2017, which was following the meeting with the Mayor. The outcome of the response is a decline in the CPO however the rationale behind the arguments are being questioned based upon the recent opposition from the Mayor and London Assembly.
- The partnership between the Mayor's office and Outset have amassed a fund that should be available by the end April, ideally can be used for acquisitions of Stour Space and Vittoria Wharf, as the first case of the London wide Creative Land Trust.
- Hoping to form a HW wide creative land trust within the next month, which will have local cultural operators at board level as well as membership of local authorities, community groups, local businesses and other relevant people.
- Paul Brickell (LLDC) had separate meetings with Nima Tehranchi and William Chamberlain, which was positive conversation around the possible designation of HWFI as a pilot Creative Enterprise Zone. Local authorities are in favour, letter only mentioned Tower Hamlets but will bring together Hackney for conversations. There will be pressure on Justine Simons to follow-up.
- Nick Sharman (Hackney) wants to know how the CEZ will it affect HW Neighbourhood Centre as they will both need to be coordinated.
- Currently little detail from the London Mayor on what the CEZ looks like. Will need to flesh out what it will look like - being worked on. Encourage local people to contribute and will bring together a group of local venues and organisations that can work on a response to this.

- Will (Creative Wick) noted that he has been having conversations with Here East, Hackney and Tower Hamlets Councils to make HWFI a creative Business Improvement District that will have some shared ambitions, so it would be good to link up with the CEZ conversations.

ACTION: full update next meeting, get in touch with Neil if you are interested in the Creative Land Trust / CEZ

## 7. AOB

- **Hyrdocitizenship** Active Energy project will be hosting events 13-14 May, which is National Mills weekend. There will be stalls and further info will be circulated locally.
- **Hub67** may be applying to be a water stand for the Hackney Half Marthon. Will need 20 volunteers in order to be counted, volunteers asked to come forward 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- **Here East Digital Art exhibition** launching 30 March , including schools programme and workshops. Further information will be discussed at the Here East coffee morning 14 Tues 09:30am, all invited to join. Further information will be circulated.
- **Make Shift** will be launching the Clarnico Quay feasibility study 23 March 17:00 - 20:30 at the Old Baths.
- **Your Neighbour Talks** event 16 March 18:00-21:00 at the Stadium. All local residents, businesses and organisations invited to attend. 150 people already pre-registered. Questions to be sent to the panel in advance.
- **Art Map London** - first talk in the series took place last month. Next talk 21 March: Q&A with Anna Dumitriu about how artists work with institutions and museums. 11 April Catherine Ince (V&A) about how museums work with artists.
- Oliver at Expanse asking about doing studio referrals and working together informally in the area. Would be good to develop a **studio providers network** in HWFI. Kerry at V22 is interested in helping to bring something together and will meet William Chamberlain after the meeting to discuss. Would also be good for businesses to work together.

**NB THERE IS NO CIG IN APRIL BECAUSE OF A CLASH WITH GOOD FRIDAY.**

**THE NEXT CIG MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>.**