

Hackney Wick Fish Island | Cultural Interest Group

Minutes of the meeting on Friday 8th May 2015

Held at: **The Old Baths, 80 Eastway, Hackney Wick, London E9 5JH**

‘Working to establish a permanent, sustainable, creative economy in Hackney Wick and Fish Island

In attendance:

Adriana Marques (LLDC)
Sas Stewart (London Speaker Hire)
Grant Turner (London Speaker Hire)
Will Teasdale (LB Hackney)
Jasper Hosack (Truman’s Brewery)
William Chamberlain (Creative Wick – secretary)
Graham Evans (Middlesex University)
Ozlem Edizel (Middlesex University)
Gill Wildman (Plot London – Chair)
Katie Sheasby (Howling Hops Brewery)
Douglas Thackway (Space Studios)
Sally Anthony (Hub67)
Ivor Wilkins (Mama Group)
Gemma Graham (Kopparberg)
Meriam Alnaman (Kopparberg)
Rob Calder (Kopparberg)
Joe Roberts (Mama Group)
Sonia Anderson (The Wick)
Victoria Stonebridge (LLDC)
Sara Carruthers (East Village/Get Living London)
Rebecca Ball (LLDC)
Robert Kasanga (Hackney Wick FC)
Nii Sackey (Bigga Fish)
Danny Regan (Barclays)
Toby Pullen (Aitch Group)
Nick Lawrence (Aitch Group)
Jamie Macarthur (Aitch Group)
Hannah Andrews (The Trampery/Fish Island Labs)
Simon Cole (Hackney Tours)
Richard Brown (Unit APD)
Nick Sharman (LB Hackney)
Anthony Impey (Optimity)
Christopher Chave-Cox (Optimity)

Announcements:

Gill Wildman (Chair): Message from Anna Maloney from Hackney Wicked who sends her apologies but is in Madrid at the Zinc Shower conference. It would be great if everyone could tweet @zincshower as they will be in a meeting at the same time as the CIG.

Agenda:**1. Kopparberg Urban Forest – on the Bowmite site in Hackney Wick.
10th June to 12th July 2015**

Rob Calder (Kopparberg Marketing Director) introduced Meriam Alnaman who has been very active since returning from holiday and will be the point of contact from now on.

Already there is a long list of achievements with community engagement:

- Committed to London living wage
- Employing local bar staff.
- Carpenters are from Hackney Wick.
- Crate will feature some of their beers.
- Interns from new direction.
- Local bands booked but opportunities for more.
- Donation of live trees and shrubs – good quality live trees on offer.
- Yard theatre has been chosen as the official charity and will benefit from £1 in every cocktail sold.
- Uniforms made by Things Fashions.
- Local artist opportunity – Sara Karpenan is leading.
- Hackney Pearl is providing some of the food.
- London Speaker Hire is hiring kit.
- Sonic and Arbyte are also involved.
- Graeme Evans is in discussions about using the space for London Festival of Architecture.

The trees will be donated with their watering systems and are self contained, silver birch, apple/fruit trees. Available from 13th July.

Meriam wants to hear from schools, local groups etc. Kopparberg will look at providing local transport.

Please contact Meriam on meriam.alnaman@kopparberg.co.uk for more information on opportunities.

**2. Peabody - Catherine Andrews
Neptune Wharf Community Engagement**

Introduction. Lofthouse square will be part of the first phase of development and will provide opportunities for local activation in a large public space. 1st phase will include square to be completed in 2016. Currently in design phase but opportunity to influence. Catherine has the role of working with residents and wider community. This is a new way of working for Peabody – to start creating links with the local community before work starts on site. Peabody are looking for a vibrant program of events whilst the rest of the site is developed.

Start consultations and design considerations. Hoping that there will be series of large/small events. Markets, festivals, arts events. Fixed seating, storage for further seating, power, water etc. Lofthouse Square is a corner plot with great public access. Cycle storage. Long term management of the space is currently undecided but there could be an opportunity for a local collective or organisation to take the role.

For more information, please contact Catherine on: Catherine.Andrews@peabody.org.uk

3. Aitch Group - Jamie MacArthur

Aitch Group is a commercial and residential property developer founded 20 years ago and mostly operating in East London. Developments that you may have heard of include Hackney Fashion hub (Burberry), Curtain Rd. Aitch Group have recently bought 4 sites in HWFI.

33-35 Monier Rd, public consultation took place in December 2014. Working on the Pre application with LLDC since then. Submitted plans last week.

New Public Route, Wyke avenue, mixed 1, 2 and 3 bed development.

Next stage of the consultation starts next week with an exhibition at Hub67.

<http://www.mura-estates.co.uk/35-monier-road-hackney-wick-e3-2pr/>

52-54 White Post Lane, in pre application for past 14 months. Emerging context still in flux. Church still in situ.

Consultation begins next week. 25,000 sq ft commercial space on the ground and first floor, commercial yard at the back. 55 residential units with a mixture of 1,2 and 3 bed.

Websites links plus links to LLDC public consultation.

<http://www.mura-estates.co.uk/52-54-white-post-lane-hackney-wick-e9-5ln/>

24-26 White Post Lane

Public consultation next Thursday. Websites also available.

<http://www.whitepostlane52-54.co.uk/>

Will Teasdale asked if JM had any ideas as to who might take the commercial space. Toby Pullen only just joined the company 5 weeks ago but there have been some very positive conversations so far. We don't sell off plan so will manage until the last minute. Don't want to compete with Here East.

Want to complement. Want to be on site asap – 14 weeks, 1 month s.106 and then on site. Danny Regan (Barclays) are long term leases available? All depends on what else comes forward. Aitch does a mixture of short and long term but doesn't sell usually. Depends on what happens over the next 18 months.

Nick Sharman asked about affordable housing. (JM) Depends on how much we can provide on-site according to viability. We are a profit focused business. We're here for the long term and want a good mixed community. We're not against affordable housing but we're not an affordable housing provider. Happy to answer these types of question as part of the consultation but its all about viability.

Adriana Marques? Are you providing workspace? Affordable and market?

(JM)We are providing more than was there. We haven't been asked to provide any affordable workspace

4. Optimity - Anthony Impey

Broadband company on a mission to connect London's broadband. 60 employees. Already 4th largest provider behind BT, Virgin, Talk Talk.

Offers wireless tech, easy to install, connects buildings, time saving, cost saving, very fast. Affordable alternative to fibre optic.

Started to work with Here East. Needs roof space for antennas. Have already been given some roof space to deliver ultra fast broadband across the wick. Fish Island Labs is

Connected 100 businesses already across the wick. About the partnership with Here East.

Benefit to the wider community.

10/20 yrs old broadband structure not up to it.

Business to business only at the moment.

Good coverage across the borough of Hackney.

Proper lease line connectivity. Fast for sending as well as receiving. 200 x faster.

Space and the Trampery are already connected - please contact Chris for more details:
cchave-cox@optimity.co.uk

5. East Village - Sarah Carruthers (Get Living London)

Sarah has recently joined the team at Get Living London as Neighbourhood Engagement Manager. East Village currently comprises 2218 homes – 2 landlords - GLL 51 % and 49% Triathlon

About to start building another 2000 homes.

30 retail units coming soon.

Already open: Mailbox, Regents Beauty, Sainsbury's and Neighbourhood bar/restaurant.

Coming soon: Firezza Pizza, Bottle Apostle

East Village is a new, growing community. GLL don't operate in usual way. Emphasis is on community, emerging, people coming together.

We want to be involved with what's going on. Explore E20 walking tour recently set up to introduce people to the area.

Looking at ways of communicating with the E20 community and signposting what's out there.

Sara can be contacted on sarah.carruthers@getlivinglondon.com

6. Barclays - Danny Regan

Barclays Creative Business Workshop will take place at Stour Space on Thursday 28th May in 2 sessions:

Morning Session 10am-1pm

There will be 2 lawyers, 2 accountants and 2 business banking specialists on hand to answer any of your questions tomorrow morning. Areas covered will be Tax/ VAT advice, Franchises, Contracts, Property, FCA, Business Structures, and Intellectual Property.

Afternoon session 2pm-4pm

Focus will be on the importance of cashflow.

Let william@creativewick.com know if you'd like to book a slot for a one on one session with any of the advisors.

7. Howling Hops Brewery - Katie Sheasby

Katie Sheasby – the new brewery bar will open on the ground floor of the Mother Studio Building in Queen's Yard. 1st brew started yesterday. Tap room opening early June. A soft opening to see how it goes. Opportunities to collaborate.

Please contact Katie on katie@howlinghops.co.uk

8. London Festival Architecture – Graeme Evans 26-28 June 2015 Hackney Wick and Fish Island various venues

The LFA is an annual event – this year Graeme has put together a program for Hackney Wick with help from Richard Brown, Andreas Lang, Lee Wilshire, Unit APD, Rebecca Feiner etc. Hannah Lambert from LLDC is also running an event at the White Building on Thursday 25th June. Events will take place at See Studio, public works exhibitions public events, local architects, running workshops.

Debate on Community Land Trust is taking place at the White Building on Friday 26th exploring the idea of setting up a CLT.

Prompt gallery – Lee Wilshire/planning in the pub will be showing The Long Good Friday.

Hackney Wicked will run open studios on the Saturday and Sunday

Rebecca Feiner is building a shanty town from recycled materials

Expect most visitors over the weekend. LFA will promote all other activities happening in HWFI over the weekend.

LFA.org will be updated next week with the programme.

See studio will be the hub with all information maps etc available.

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Nick Sharman – Wick Award

Now officially The Wick Award. Appointed Polly Mann keen to work across the board.

Fund community participation across the more neglected parts of the Ward. Herbert Butler estate in particular.

Keen for our work in HWFI to reach out into other communities. Encouraging participation

Employment – tragedy if employment creation here doesn't help the local chronic unemployment situation. In particular mental health and confidence issues.

Wants to work with other organisations to help solve these problem.

See website for more details: <http://www.wickaward.co.uk/>

Small grants program of up to £5k are available as well as longer term projects to help bridge the gap.

Bobby Kasanga - Hackney Wick FC

There was no semi pro football club in Hackney so he thought that he'd set one up.

Website launched 3 weeks ago: <http://www.hackneywickfc.com/>

Shooting a documentary with one of YouTube's biggest European sports channel Copa90 are producing a film about the creation of Hackney Wick Football Club as a concept and our role locally in Hackney.

As a community club we want to showcase as much of the community as possible including residents and businesses.

Bobby is looking for any suggestion you may have in regards to ideas and themes we could use and also if any of you guys would like to feature.

Bobby is also asking players to volunteer for local outreach programs. There is also a women's team developing which is lots of fun.

All welcome!

Please contact Bobby on niaman.hackneywickfc@gmail.com

The Wick- Sonia Anderson

Every Sunday at the Old Baths featuring Street food traders, market, flea market, music.
All about local creatives
Kids day planned on Sunday 31st May
Weddings welcome, café, wed-sat 9-5pm
Photographic studio is available for hire

See facebook for more info: <https://www.facebook.com/thewickfest>

Sonia can be contacted at: sonia.anderson81@googlemail.com

Tower Hamlets Parking

William Chamberlain read out an email from Pastor Tony Fawole about the proposed reintroduction of controlled parking in Fish Island.

“Tower Hamlets say that they now intend to introduce Controlled Parking to be operational from 8.30am to 9pm Monday to Friday and 11am to 9pm Saturday and Sunday. This will come into effect from 7th July 2015 and notices are on Beachy and Monier Roads. Obviously this will affect our business and I’m sure yours too and wondered if it is not a burden for you to please ask members if they will sign the attached petition asking the Council to suspend this Order. We have about six weeks to raise our objections and the grounds for this”.

A show of hands in the room revealed that no one had received any notice, correspondence or consultation. Douglas Thackway from Space Studios expressed his concern for studio holders in Britannia and Bridget Riley Studios and confirmed that he had received no communication from LB Tower Hamlets.

William Chamberlain offered to contact the relevant person at LB Tower Hamlets and invite them to the next CIG meeting to discuss with the group.

Hackney Pearl Food bank - Gill Wildman

The Pearl now has a box in the back for any spare dry, tinned or packaged food. Please give what you can.

The next CIG is at 9.30am on Friday 12th June at The Plough at Swan Wharf, 60 Dace Road, London E3 2NQ

Reminder: Please send any email addresses to add to the CIG mailing list to info@hackneywick.org and remember to circulate CIG emails to your network.

Please send any agenda items to me before then and as ever, please tell anyone you think should be there to join us.