

Hackney Wick Fish Island | Cultural Interest Group

Minutes of the meeting on Friday 13th May 2016
Held at: Cre8 Life Style Centre

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

In attendance:

Jack Tan (Arebyte artist in residence (Chair)
William Chamberlain (Creative Wick/Unit-APD)
Cllr Nick Sharman (LB Hackney)
Mel Allison (East Wick and Sweetwater)
Victoria Stonebridge (LLDC)
Leanne Hoogwaerts (Foundation for Future London)
Matthieu Rogers (LB Hackney)
Ben Hobart (Currell)
Hajni Semsei (Arbeit)
Ozlem Edizel (Middlesex University)
Yiyin Ge – Loughborough University in London (Secretary)
Stefano Del Core – Shapes Hackney
Graham Evans (Middlesex University)
Martin Hill (East Wick and Sweetwater)
John Herbert (Cre8 Life Style Centre)
Dominic Cools-Lartigue (Street Feast)
Paul Daly (Paul Daly Venues)
Aida Wilde (Artist)
Adam Dockley (Henry Wiltshire)
Chloe Robinson (Henry Wiltshire)
Erin Byrne (LLDC)
Hannah Lambert (LLDC)
Andrew Tesseyman (LLDC)
Hannah Andrews (Cause to Create/Trampery Fish Island Labs)
Jack Haynes (The Yard Theatre)
Ann-Marie Liddiard (Hackney Community College)
Tayebeh Kazempour (Hackney Community College)
Phil Cowley (Hackney Dementia Action Alliance)
David Silk (Wallis Rd)
(Apologies if the list is not comprehensive this month – it was compiled from memory)

1. Hackney Central Application (Erin Byrne,)

- LLDC Local Plan launched last year, aspirations mixed use redevelopment of Hackney Wick area. Update on Hackney Wick Masterplan application and Planning Authority will be doing official public consultation next week Hub 67, all invited to attend.
- Counsellor Nick Sharman noted that due to the like for like provision of affordable workspace, there still has been a price to pay - no affordable homes in the centre. This results in a narrow set of people being able to live in the area.
- Matching affordable workspace at approx £13 p sq foot. London Borough of Hackney Council think that they've got a good compromise (could have been worse). Agreed that the creative economy are happy with the proposals.
- *Q: Will LLDC be the developer and how will this work when the LLDC is dismantled?*
LLDC will be procuring a developer, open procurement process. In question about if they keep the freehold. No fixed date for LLDC dismantle, over the next 5 years will change.
- *Q: is this information or if there still room for changes?*
This is a public consultation ran by the planning authority, they are seeking comments from local and all are encouraged to attend to give feedback.
- *Q: When will detailed planning applications from land owners and when will go forward?*
Complicated application, as the ZMP will cover the whole area and the separate applications will be put forward by land owners. There is a short summary will be circulated with the minutes for info.
- Will send the planning portal weblink and reference number for circulation to the group. CDs have been provided to Unit APD with information so that they can go through the plans in detail.
- The application documents can be found at the following web-site – please enter 16/00166/OUT into the planning reference box.
- <http://planningregister.londonlegacy.co.uk/swift/apas/run/wphappcriteria.display>

Vision Statement and Application Summary can be found here: <https://we.tl/hEBcevMyGZ>

2. Hackney Community College (Ann-Marie Liddiard & Tayebah Kazempour)

- Hackney Community College will be sharing space with Loughborough, moving onto the Olympic Park soon. Going through a merger with Tower Hamlets College and will have a digital training centre.
- Event upcoming at the Copper Box. Getting local people and local jobs. Hackney has the highest percentage of tech jobs in the UK. Predicted to get higher with growth in the area.

- Promoting the benefits of apprenticeships, training and incubators. Noted smaller businesses will also benefit from the levy that coming in. Creative, digital, social media, business admin, digital business admin, digital retail admin. Apprenticeships starting 16 onwards. Open to any age. High amount of microbreweries in the area, so now offer these training schemes. Agreed need to speak in schools about the options that will be available.
- Will circulate presentation. Part of research paper being done by UCL - Making the Olympic Park work for you.

3. Hackney Dementia Action Alliance (Phil Cowley)

- The presenter noted that it is sad to hear about inflated prices of accommodation in the area. The Alzheimer's Foundation shares offices with mental health services, working on dementia action alliance.
- Encouraging work to make London more dementia friendly, including awareness and making improvements for other people. Small changes that businesses can make to help others. Examples of activities: dementia friendly cinema and dementia friendly cycling - opportunities for people that they don't usually have.
- Asking local businesses to sign up to the alliance. Requires a little thought but it very straightforward. Offering dementia friends champions training. Gave out some information leaflets and contact details.
- Q: Has art therapy has been proven to work?
Activities, both creative and active make people's lives better. They reduce loneliness and increase wellbeing.
- Suggested getting in touch with the Helen Hamlin Centre at the Royal College of Art as they focus on inclusive design. Arbyte are hosting a symposium event called Care Act, exhibition 15 June with careworks nurses etc. Wick Award also available for wellbeing, programmes could be funded.
- Contact Phil at Phil.Cowley@alzheimers.org.uk

4. Karaoke Court (Jack Tan/Arebyte)

- Karaoke Court explores karaoke singing as a platform for resolving disputes. A mix of social performance, art and law.
- Litigation is based on the Inuit and Arctic Eskimo tradition of Song Duels — where people presented grievances to the entire community for judgment in the form of song and the most laughs / votes from the community wins.
- Opened a court clerk office, offering dispute resolution. Have to resolve disputes through singing. Sign a contract and negotiate the terms of the deal - 23rd June court is the court date at the Yard Theatre.

Jack can be contacted here: Mail@jacktan.net

- More info here: <http://www.arebyte.com/jack-tan/4592079904>

5. Cause to Create (Hannah Andrews)

- A celebration of how the power of creativity can help address the world's problems.
- Concentrated events in 3 strands at Swan Wharf on Fish Island: Installation, Hack, Interchange. Starting in September the events will be designed to find new ways of finding solutions for problems.

To get involved email: contact@causetocreate.co.uk

6. Updates

Towpath

- Rachael Blake progressing. Lighting responsibility lies with Tower Hamlets. CRT have proposed public realm improvements. Public safety patrols enhanced.

Night Time Economy

- Sadiq will be appointing a Night Tsar, to support the night time economy.

DRET

- Planning application approved, out of hours access will be required.

Mossbourne

- Will be presenting at the CIG in September.

7. Create Lifestyle Centre

- Community centre but in a new guise – modern activities.
- Create Lifestyle Centre has been running for 5 years running now. Hosts various activities in the studio space, meeting rooms, beach and tiki bar.
- Trying to change use more towards a media hub. Welcoming people to come forward if interested in using the space or working together.

8. AOB

- Nunnery Gallery - competition public vote, asking all to vote. Consists of a pilgrimage from Hackney Wick to Ilford. 2 open studios coming up - will circulate information post meeting.
- Hydrocitizenship at Three Mills this weekend 14-15 May during National Mills Weekend, all invited to attend.

The next meeting chaired by Oliver Hickmet is on Friday 10 June 2016 at the White Building