



Minutes of the meeting on Friday 12th May 2017
Held at: Stour Space, Fish Island, Hackney Wick
London

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

In attendance:

Fabricio Mendes – Creative Wick
George Hull – HWFI Venue Watch/Bloc London
Joanna Steele – Canal & River Trust
Gill Wildman – Plot London
Luke Bell – Crate Brewery
Ozlan Edizel – Middlesex University
Stuart Duncan - Echo
Lorna Blake – Hackney Wick & Fish Island
Ben Hooper - Photographer
Neil McDonald – Stour Space
Lucy Oliver-Harrisson – The Yard Theatre
Mel Allison – East Wick & Sweetwater
Victoria Stonebridge - LLDC
Steven Wilding - LLDC
Cllr. Nick Sharman – LB Hackney
Jeremy Hildreth – Jeremy Hildreth
Adam Walker – Wick Radio
Rachel Johnson – Stour Space
Paul Baynton – 90 Main Yard
Katie Sheasby – Howling Hops

1. Queens Yard / White Post Lane anti-social behaviour

(George Hull)

- There is a local venue watch group which is made up of venues in the HW area and includes the local police. The group meets quarterly to share licencing and operating information.

- In response to issues raised recently with Queens Yard – similar issues cropped up this time last year. Progress has been made to improve the situation with increased litter picking and stewarding. The group are requesting extra support from the council given the changes in the area. Litter picking will be extended further.
- The recent assault on a White Post resident by a visitor was taken very seriously and controlling people after they leave the venue is difficult. Arranging for security to do static guards in positions where there have been issues in the past – feedback on this from locals would be good.

ACTION: feedback on increased security or any anti-social behaviour from the venues to be sent to George

2. Waterways

(Joanna Steele, CRT & Steven Wilding, LLDC)

East London Waterways Festival

- The event is being held to celebrate everything the local rivers and canals offer to people in the area. There will also be particular focus on the restoration of Carpenters Road Lock, a £1.8 million project in the heart of the Park which is one of the final pieces of a ten-year programme to regenerate the Bow Back Rivers and preserve an important part of London's industrial heritage.
- School engagement will continue in September and there will be 12 new lock keepers trained. A digital platform will be available with information and panels on the site will provide links.
- 30 July carnival display workshop Hub 67
- Monday 28 Aug is the main event day, there will be boat cavalcade / dragon boating / tidal elements / activities. E20 choir performing at the festival. Nomad cinema in the evening 8-10:30pm

Waterways update

- There will be a permanent pontoon for water sports next to the aquatics.
- New short stay visitor moorings will be created within Sweetwater. These will be bookable, in the past they have had people from Liverpool / Manchester travelling for the festivities. It was raised that new visitor mooring could put pressure on other areas – confirmed that this shouldn't affect local boaters.
- East Wick and Sweetwater will have new trade moorings. Loop around the station will open June / July.

ACTION: If you would like to get involved with the festival contact joanna.steele@canalrivertrust.org.uk or if you are a boater keen to take part in the festival email waterways@queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk

3. Community Development Trust

(Lucy Oliver-Harrison, The Yard & Neil McDonald, Stour Space)

- Working to establish a community development trust model to preserve and inform the community and creative life of the area.
- The HW Central Plan was passed on the 28th April and the proposal was supported on the basis that they will create a community development trust, in-line with the recent announcements from the Mayor's office.
- There have been huge changes in the area with artists moving in, the Olympics and now increased development. . Local residents often don't want to engage and are wary of authority, so it can be difficult for developers and local authorities to really connect with community. Looking to improve dialogue and unite creative people together.
- The trust will be a coalition between cultural and community providers, local authorities and LLDC. The group will work to secure the future for local community groups
- Seeking to create a transparent structure that can be used for decision making in the area and can be used as a vehicle for pots of money. It would be more appropriate for funds to be allocated to the whole community rather than one venue space, shared responsibility.
- Currently working on how to get more people involved. Setting up a website and it will have a simple form for sign-up. Need members who might be able to shape how the model and trust evolves. Will push forward on the draft model and then have a meeting to update. The model will evolve along the way.
- Nick Sharman noted that this piece of work is coming at the right time, lots of community activity and has the support of Mayor.
- Ben Hopper, Local resident started getting worried about the lack of creative community voice in the area so started the Hackney Wick Locals and Hackney Wick Spaces Facebook groups. Creatives are scared for the future of HW, so emphasised that there is a need to urge everyone within the community to get involved with this unity.
- In order for it to work, the trust will need to be really inclusive and go across the whole community.

Q: How local studios can become involved? They contribute s106 payments.

This will need to be reviewed and the group will ensure to include local studio providers in the model.

Q: Where the funding will come from or what will members contribute?

This will be established on a case-by-case basis. Members contribute time, money, space or other resources. There will be a group approach so some people don't end up doing all the work and it is shared out.

ACTION: To get involved contact Lucy, Neil or Jordana.

4. Creative Wick

(Fabricio Mendes)

Art Map London

- Currently in the Art Talks Season 3, the next event is Q&A with Dana Segal about fundraising. She is currently Head of Development at the UK's only craft business incubator Cockpit Arts and a Freelance Consultant for a wide range of artists and cultural organisations.

15 May 7-9pm the Atrium, 4 Schwartz Wharf, 92 White Post Lane

Creative Wick Film School

- The 2017 film school premier will be held at BT Sport on Thurs 25 May 7-9:30pm

5. Be Nice Club

(Josh Strauss, Stour Space)

- Be Nice Club will be held every Tuesday 6-10pm at Stour Space every, on what is traditionally a quiet and lazy evening. Food is served and is pay what you feel / can and they will have guest chefs volunteering their time to curate a menu. All profit from food is donated to Save Hackney Wick.
- Be Nice Club is a community space for everyone in Hackney Wick to come share ideas and get involved. Local homeless welcome or those that can't afford to eat out.
- Currently working with Wick Radio which is ran by local volunteering and broadcast from a studio at the back of Stour Space café. This is the first time they've had a public frontage. Wick Radio can promote events, community events, what's going on locally. Listen on WickRadio.org or Tune-in app
- Facebook page with further information. Note that due to an event next week entrance is encouraged before 8pm as there is an event on which will charge at the door after 8pm.

6. Spaceship

(Alex Taylor)

- Local film producer and director has made an anti-establishment film, with teenagers at the heart of the story.
- Showing at Picturehouse Cinemas including Central Picturehouse, Ritzy, Rio & Genesis. Also showing at the Institute of Light.
- Spread the word, would be good to have the backing of the local community. Search Spaceship film for further information.

7. Upstarter

(Gill Wildman)

New business support

- Upstarter provides short and long incubator programmes for early stage new creative businesses.
- 6 Weeks to Pop-Up is £150 for the whole programme and is suited to creatives, makers and social business ideas.

Town Hall meeting

- Organising an open format, Town Hall meeting with an information structure. Will widen the scope to include all residents.
- 19 June evening at 6pm, outside the Pearl in 'Street Interrupted'.

8. Hackney Tours

(Simon Cole)

- Simon has been working in HW since 2009 and has so much emotion linked to the area, not only monetary ties. On the 10 June will be hosting a walk which is less standard tour and more personal stories.
- Also keen to promote local activity, so tweet information to Hackney Tours and he will retweet.

9. AOB

- The Groveworld development on Wallis Rd is being taken over by Telford Homes. Any concerns to Lorna lorna.blake@hackney.gov.uk

- Hydrocitizenship launch of Active Energy Project this weekend - invitation to attend. House Mill, Three Mill Lane Saturday 3-5pm.
- Stour Space have launched bar at Stour and evening restaurant Thurs -Sun Italian food at the moment in resident. Contact cafe@stourspace
- The show Beautiful has been extended at The Yard Theatre. 30% tickets for local residents and people working in the area

Next CIG: Friday 9th June at the Old Baths, Eastway, Hackney Wick