



Minutes of the meeting on Friday 13 October 2017

Held at: Lendlease

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

In attendance:

Katherine Igoe-Ewer – The Yard Theatre / Hub 67

Mel Allison – EWS

Rob Piggott – Telford Homes

Elisa Giorgi – Arbeit Studios/Gallery

Benjamin Hobart – Currell

Jasel Nandha – Here East

Olly Hawes – Take Stock Exchange

Vanessa Pilla – Lend Lease

Nick Newman – Studio Bark

Lorna Blake – Hackney Wick & Fish Island

Cllr Chris Kennedy - LB Hackney

Angela Kanar - Allia

Cllr Nick Sharman – LB Hackney

Fabricio Mendes – Creative Wick

1. Lendlease

- First building has been completed. TfL will move in later this year, FCA move in early next year. Also confirmed to move into TIQ are Cancer Research and the British Council, with their full art collection.
- The Stitch is the first part of the public realm and will be opening next week. There will be a revised masterplan submission.
- Looking into options for using some empty space on one of the upper floors as community space / alternative uses. Will keep the group updated on this.
- Thanks to Lendlease for hosting the meeting today. This room is the induction room and it is often available so could potentially be used for community meetings or training sessions.

ACTION: If you are interested in using the Lendlease meeting space get in touch with Jessie Lenson Jessie.Lenson@lendlease.com

2. Take Stock Exchange

- Take Stock Exchange are a community storytelling company, they started to work in Hackney Wick this summer. Now also working locally across Newham, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest.
- They are looking for up to 12 community groups to engage with and visit twice to collect stories. Will then share with everyone that has been involved with the project.
- Groups could include:
 - Traditional residents
 - New residents
 - Artistic / creative community
 - Workers
 - Other tbc?

ACTION: Get in touch with Nick & Olly if you are interested in taking part hello@takestockexchange.co.uk

- It would involve a lunchtime session to get understanding internally and then an additional session to share external stories back with the group. The project is in collaboration with Hub 67 / Yard and funded by Hackney Borough Council & The Arts Council.

3. Allia Future Business Centre

- New London Fields location opened in June, provides free enterprise and business support. Supported by JP Morgan Charitable Foundation.
- They will be running 2 programmes:

Incubator for start-ups that already have some traction with customer base. Incubator programme is 9 month and includes tailor made advice, scaling-up, investment panels and pitching. 26 businesses will be based in facility.

Accelerator launching soon, a shorter 3 month programme. Aim of attracting 30 established businesses in the area. The businesses usually have a focused need for example increasing footfall or trying to get the product into a specific market.

- Looking to attract businesses and mentors locally.

ACTION: If you are interested or know anyone that would be suited get in touch. Also if you can recommend any potential routes for outreach

4. Wick Wednesdays

- Concerns about holding it on the first Weds of month as Shoreditch is first Thurs and would be competition – too much in one week. Going to go with the second Wednesday of the month.
- Planning on Dec 13th being first one, taking advantage of the festive feel.
- Need to establish how to manage and design materials etc. Will need to organise a working group including the venues to work through the logistics.

ACTION: Wick Wednesday working group to be established.

5. AOB

- Hackney 100 sends apologies. The initiative is asking local businesses and organisations to take on apprentices to reinvigorate employment opportunities. PDF to be circulated.
- Hub 67 has had a makeover with a paint job. Construction Fridays will be taking place over 4 weeks, looking at construction with the afterschool club – working with Bark Architects and Aitch. Will involve creative activities around construction and buildings.
- Hackney Quest working on behalf of the Wick Award have brought together the voices of young people locally in a report. One issue that was raised was worries over safety including gangs and accessibility concerns. The report will be circulated to the group and noted that it would also be good to share with the Legacy Youth Voice.
- The Building Bridges project took place in summer with series of workshops delivered to Gainsborough Primary School's Year 6 pupils, designed to expose them to opportunities in architecture, design and construction. These workshops can be put on for community

groups and schools. Get in touch with Fabricio from Creative Wick if you are interested the project.

Next CIG: Friday 10th November, Crate Residency Studio, The White Building, Queens Yard