

LCF General Meeting Minutes

4th Dec 2019 at 7.30pm

Barley Mow Veteran's Hall

Apologies

Sue Stollery

Conor McDonnell

Cllr James King

Attendees:

Mark Slankard, Chair

Helen Kenney

Lesley Balding

Lee Carr

Vince McCartney

Margaret McCartney

Geoff Sumnall

Pc Robert Brown.

Rev Roger Preece

Keith Ashenden

Charlie Hughes

Debbie Owen

Terry Patterson

Rev Richard Bray

Gus Collins

George Korchinsky

Previous Minutes of 10th Sept 2019

Previous minutes were approved

There were no actions discussed separately

City Airport

TP informed the meeting of the plans to increase flights to City Airport and extend hours of use. The airport will continue to be used mainly for business flights. Consultation prior to a planning application has now closed but TP asked those concerned to send in objections.

GS suggested comments should be requested on the LCF website, GK was concerned about environmental impact, LC said the LCF planning group could consider the issue, CH was concerned about the increased pollution, MS thought it would be good for business and GC was in favour of airport expansion.

A vote was taken and the majority of members were against the proposals.

LCF Constitution

MS referred to the draft Constitution prepared by a working group set up at the LCF AGM 29th Jan 2019 for which he had now assumed responsibility, and proposed to announce the new Constitution.

GS pointed out that in accordance with the existing Constitution, members should be first notified of any proposed changes and allowed to vote on them before any approval could occur. Rev RB agreed "due process" should take place on any changes. MK responded that the new Constitution had been placed on the LCF website but CG felt that all members should have been written to specifically about the proposals and was concerned that the changes should not deter or restrict new members joining. GK was aware of reasons for the draft Constitution being withdrawn from the working group by MS, having sat on the group, but felt the wholesale changes now being proposed were unnecessary. GC felt members were now being bypassed and that LCF was no longer the member-led forum as originally set up.

HK, LB and LC were all satisfied with the MS proposals.

MS would consider all the comments and respond accordingly in due course.

Police Ward Panel

Pc RB referred to the Panel meeting on the 19th Nov 2019 for which the meeting minutes are available. He mentioned requests for cctv following the new occurrences of ASB in Milligan St, and reminded the LCF meeting that provision of cctv had to be based on evidence including 101 calls, photos and videos, asking for assistance on this where possible.

Previous work in Rectory Gardens required to improve visibility was now complete and that in Ropemakers Field is ongoing.

Barley Mow Estate Issues

The study on the building claddings to reduce fire risk continues and LBTH Mayor is considering financial assistance to tenants who may be affected.

Temporary contractors' accommodation is now in place next to Barley Corn Way, for work on Duke Shore.

Tower Hamlets' LIF Scheme

HK informed the meeting that LCF's application for LIF (Local Infrastructure Fund) funding had been submitted to LBTH, including cctv, a greening masterplan and improved Youth Centre facilities. It could take at least until Mar 2020 before funding is available.

Digital Group

CH mentioned that of the 634 registered LCF members, 200 had applied to attend the Election Hustings on 9th Dec 2020.

Neighbourhood Plan

LC explained that consultants, funded by a Locality grant, had been appointed to assist LCF to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan. Workshops had taken place and a draft Plan would be prepared for consultation with the Limehouse community.

LIMEgreen

KA said that there had been little work on the ground during the winter months but liaison was taking place between the Lg and NP groups to coordinate possible further projects large and small.

Youth Centre

In YC group Chair Sue Stollery's absence, CG said that meetings had continued with the LBTH Youth Centre representatives and those from other organisations to promote youth development in Limehouse.

Events

HK listed the planning events by LCF as follows:

Election Hustings – 9th Dec 2019 at 7.30pm, Cruising Association

Social Get-Together – 16th Jan 2020 at 7.30pm, Royal Foundation of St Katherine's

LCF AGM – 29th Jan 2020 at 7.30pm, Cruising Association

History Night – May – time and date TBA

LIMEfest – 5th July – Ropemakers Field

AOB

DO was concerned that visitors' parking is now to be allocated by computer which is difficult for occasional visitors. MS to take up the matter with Cllr James King

Next Meeting

LCF AGM – 29th Jan 2020 at 7.30pm, Cruising Association
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