**MASTERPLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING**

**Wednesday 19 December - 7.30pm, Harry Caddick Centre, Lilford Road**

**Present:** Anthea Masey (AM) (LJAG/Meeting Chair), Richard Ambler (RA) (Lambeth), Tom Greenhall (TGr) (DSDHA), Catarina Cruz (CC) (DSDHA), Walter Reed (WR) (LJAG), John Frankland (JF) (Thorlands/LJAG), Andy Demetriou (AD) (LETRA), Segen Ghabrekidan (SG) (LETRA), Dennis Fabrizi (DF) (Thorlands) Lois Acton (LA) LJAG Project Officer, Mark Trevethan (MT) (Lambeth Transport), Hannah Lewis (HL) (Remakery and Transition Town Brixton), Tim Gaymer (TGa) (LJAG), Sue Bell (SB) (Transition Town Brixton), Jason Gibilaro (JG) (LETRA)

**Apologies** Maude Estwick, Rachel Heywood, Carol Boucher, David Hills (DSDHA), Claire Neely (Lambeth Cycling Campaign/LJAG)

**1. Welcome to new members**

**2. Minutes** The minutes of the last meeting were accepted

**3. Matters Arising**Trees on Northway Road/Luxor Street – AM to apply to Mayor of London tree planting initiative. AM asked that steering group let her know of any other places that would be good to plant trees.

**4. Masterplan**(i) TGr reported on Cambria Road consultation. Area around station most problematic. People would like: better lighting, improved accessibility, better pavements. Prefer local shops to big brands. High street needs to be “mended”. Better use of railway arches. Parking and refuse could be better managed.
Event on 8 December. Rickshaw rides were popular. Children’s favourite place in LJ was usually their school. Important themes included community, culture and events, creation of jobs, better cafes and restaurants. Should LJ be treated as one place or should we acknowledge that there are separate areas in the Masterplan? Key journeys through the area are important.

(ii) Identification of key areas and key themes. New public space, green space, routes, connections, development opportunities – these are key themes. Will all be broken down. DSDHA are working on a narrative for Masterplan to tie everything together.
SB – asked question about balance of places, creating new places to work, eat, shop. Don’t want to risk moving business out of the area. TGr – arches, bridges etc are the identity of the area, don’t want to risk current businesses not being able to afford them.

SB - where do people fit into this. TGr – feedback is that the community is the most positive thing about LJ. DSDHA are thinking about how this can become part of the Masterplan.
TGa – many people pass through LJ on way to work. Worth doing more analysis of the footfall.
LA – did anyone talk about Elam Open Space? LA – LJAG and people in the community can look at the people side of things – enterprise, creativity etc.

(iii) Identification of further consultation with groups and individuals. LETRA (SG) – received letters and saw on the noticeboard but feels that people on the estate, especially those who don’t speak very good English, could be better consulted. SG – big problems are drug dealing and prostitution near estate. JF – has this been raised with the Safer Neighbourhood team? TGa – suggested that Thorlands and Loughborough Estate teams meet.

**Action: JF and SG to talk about Safer Neighbourhoods teams meeting together.**

HL: hadn’t been very aware of Masterplan consultation. WR – feels that Remakery will be one of the real assets of LJ. SB – would like to make LJ more sustainable so people don’t have to leave and maybe people from outside would want to come here to get things like food, debt advice.
MT – feels that local businesses haven’t been consulted with properly eg issues about parking, service deliveries. What do local businesses and their employees need?
SB – increasingly more people are working from home, need space to work - community hub?

JF – feels the consultation process has been good. Put info on noticeboards. DF – has the consultation really reached hard-to-reach groups? Concerned with education, work for local people, growing food. Feels we could work together better.
LA – signposting of local facilities. TGa – Legible London maps must say Loughborough Junction (as opposed to Herne Hill etc). RA – gave background to Legible London. LA – lots of people find maps difficult so simple signposting is important.

(iii) Need to go out to businesses. AM to help DSDHA meet movers and shakers one to one.

**5. Station Square**TGr – building immediately outside the station is for sale. Three businesses and flats. Is there any scope for Lambeth to acquire these buildings with a view to improving this as a public space? AM – could we do a business improvement bid? MT – would be unusual for the Council to buy a building like this but it should go in the Masterplan and be used for lobbying.

**6. Big Local**LA – consultation at Loughborough Centre on 8 Dec. Focus on people rather than public realm. What people want. Key areas – lighting, safety, greening and gardening, employment and enterprise, local employment, social enterprise, apprenticeships and education. Day has been recorded on camera, by artists and on story wall.

Start up money available from Big Local for business – known as Unlimited.

SG – feels that there is a lot of talent and skills here and lots of people would apply for Unlimited if they knew about it. Tried to involve young people who are out of school in the consultation.

AM – summary – we need to have in the Masterplan document something about community facilities and how they work.

**7. Masterplan**Revised timescale – end of March for completion. SG – could young people do work experience and/or apprenticeships with DSDHA?
**Action: DSDHA to set out a new timeline for next meeting**

**8. Loughborough Triangle**AM - consultation meeting tomorrow (6pm, 20 Dec, Loughborough Centre) to set up a working group about piece of land opposite Wyck Gardens that belongs to Lambeth Living. Crucial for the Masterplan, could solve some of the problems with drug dealing with Rathgar Road. KIBA – key industrial and business area – land so has to have some employment uses on it. Lambeth has said LJAG can have it on a short term lease for a year. SG – would like to open a community café in one of the arches where local people can cook and sell their own food. Vacant piece of land on Minet Road is also going to be discussed.

**9. Tree Planting – Mayor of London initiative**Discussed earlier – street tree planting on green route from Ruskin Park to Elam Open Space.

**Pocket Parks**Paul Adlam and WR have been looking at improvements to Southwell Road around traffic, greening and creating a small children’s playground at the cul de sac end. WR also in discussions about using the old Eastern Tree/Castello restaurant as an arts space/cafe. Funding available for pocket parks from Mayor of London. Deadline for EOI 7 January.

**10. Study visit**Pocket Places for People – idea is to very cheaply transform spaces permanently or temporarily as demonstrations. Group to visit the demonstration project on Turnpike Lane on Sat 19 Jan.

**Action – MM to check football fixtures to see if visit on Sat 19Jan is a problem**

**11. AOB**TGa – Castello – planning application in to convert it and build out further at the back more flats – “affordable flats”. 30sq metres each. Affordable because they are small. TG asked people to comment on the planning application.
**Action: TGa to send link to planning application**

HL – asked for some background to the Masterplan.

AF – could we have a “Loughborough Junction conference” where all different organisations come along to share ideas/information? Before the end of March so that it can be fed into the Masterplan. HL – proposed the Remakery as a venue for this. Stalls, projections etc.

HL – gave background to participatory budgeting

SG – asked that Masterplan document goes in Lambeth Archives and on LJAG website.
**Action: MM and TGr to liaise about getting things on LJAG website.**

**Next meeting: Sat 19 January**