

**STEERING GROUP**

**5 August 2014**

**6:00pm – 7:00pm**

**Venue: Coin Street neighbourhood centre**

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**MINUTES**

**1. Welcome and introductions**

Present:

- John Langley
- Jenny Stiles
- David Clarson
- Michael Johnson
- Ted Inman
- Mike Tuppen
- Alistair Bigos
- John Rushton
- Mike McCart
- Iain Tuckett
- Juliet Heap
- Steve Taylor
- Ben Stephenson (NV)
- Susannah Pettit (NV)
- Paul Dyson (NV)
- Teresa Collins (NV)
- Janet Morris (NV)
- Richard Woollard (NV)
- Jamie Newborn (NV)
- David Mills (NV)
- Vicky Woolard
- Audrey Webb (NV)
- Sarah Thompson (NV)
- Eleanor Bentall (NV)
- Joe O'Meara (NV)
- Fred Webb (NV)
- Michael Abrahams (NV)
- David Noakes (NV)
- Cllr Ben Kind (NV)

APOLOGIES:

- Elly Rich
- Sue Pitman Dalton
- Paul Ridyard
- Hasham Soliman
- Phoebe Greenwood
- Helen Santer
- Ian Caldwell
- Maxine Room
- Mark Riches
- Ken Hamilton

**2. Minutes and actions from meeting 10 June 2014**

JL Opened the meeting and introductions were given.

**ACTIONS**

Ben met with Southwark colleagues. Council support will be provided ad hoc rather than at working groups. Lambeth meeting is in the diary.

Fed into DCLG review of Neighbourhood Planning regarding concerns that the definition of 'strategic policy', with which the neighbourhood plan must conform, is currently unclear. See also Item 7 on Lambeth approach to this issue.

### **3. (&4) Comments and agreement on plan's themes – take with item 5**

Report was taken as read. It was agreed that Housing and Development should be split into two themes since development and development control issues would require intensive policy support.

It was agreed that a number of overarching issues should be examined by each working group in the context of their objectives for the area, including culture, sustainability and balance.

**ACTION: BS to write guidance on above issue for working groups and circulate to steering group**

It was also agreed that a small group would be established now comprising WCDG, SBEG, Waterloo Quarter BID and ward councillors to centrally assess the project proposals funded via CIL submitted by the working groups. This group would also compile a complete list of projects for the neighbourhood plan.

The steering group would reconvene with reports detailing the objectives from each of the working groups. The steering group will resolve any potential conflicts / improve commonalities before the objectives were scrutinised publicly in an event or series of events in October.

The steering group would also need to liaise with neighbouring Bankside Neighbourhood Forum on development of CIL projects.

SoWN administration will endeavour to support working group meetings, offering help with rooms, recording key points etc.

### **5. Steering group volunteers for working groups**

| <b>Streetscape / Transport</b>   | <b>Development</b>   | <b>Social infrastructure</b> |
|--|--|------------------------------|
| Alistair Bigos<br>Chris Bagot<br>Audrey Webb<br>Steve Taylor<br>Jamie Newborn<br>David Mills | Alistair Bigos<br>Juliet Heap<br>David Clarson<br>Chris Bagot<br>Eleanor Bentall<br>Joe O'Meara<br>Ted Inman | Jenny Stiles<br>Mike Tuppen  |

| <b>Housing</b>                                | <b>Retail</b>   | <b>Green infrastructure</b>  |
|---|---|--|
| Michael Johnson<br>Juliet Heap<br>Mike Tuppen | Helen Santer<br>John Rushton<br>Mike McCart<br>Paul Dyson | Deborah Nagan<br>Sarah Thompson<br>Joe O'Meara<br>Jamie Newborn<br>David Mills |

**ACTION: BS to set up distribution lists for each group and recruit members from wider forum**

## 6. Timetable and next steps

JL set out proposal for next steps as discussed at last meeting:

- Separate into thematic groups to develop objectives (Aug-Oct)
- Test objectives widely in the community with debates etc (Sept-Oct)
- 'Conference' event to finalise plan structure – proposal to follow (end Oct)
- Policy writing (Nov/Dec)
- Submit plan in the Spring

## 7. Local authority / neighbouring forum news

Ted Inman explained that during Lambeth's Local Plan 'Examination in Public' Lambeth had claimed all policies in their local plan to be 'strategic'. This position contravened the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and would restrict the scope of neighbourhood planning to relatively inconsequential issues. SoWN commissioned legal advice questioning the legal sustainability of this position and submitted this to Lambeth. This is currently being considered. Southwark provided written advice setting out the strategic policies SoWN would need to be in conformity with and this conformed to the NPPF.

Ben explained that Lambeth's Cabinet had approved Co-operative Local Investment Plans (CLIPS) which, like neighbourhood planning, provided a mechanism for communities to decide how the neighbourhood element of Community Infrastructure Levy - 25% of all CIL generated in the neighbourhood - should be spent. John had written to Sue Foster at Lambeth to seek clarification on how the systems would work in parallel.

John reported back on the progress of the Bankside Neighbourhood Plan following a meeting with Tim Wood, the Chair of the Bankside Neighbourhood Forum. The Bankside Plan will be circulated to members, who will be given an opportunity to comment in September.

## 8. Any other business

John referred the group to the budget for the coming period. An item of unforeseen expenditure was £750 for legal advice relating to Lambeth's Local Plan EIP. There was an error in the figure showing the current deficit position - this should read £-4,867. Ted continues to attempt to negotiate with Lambeth on (currently) irrecoverable VAT of £4,000.

SoWN steering group elections – John asked the steering group to consider proposing to the forum at the AGM that elections are not held in 2014, with steering group members retain their positions and cooption for those interested in becoming more closely involved. This is because:

- a. Only six months of plan development time remains
- b. Those on the steering group have been closely involved in developing the plan and explaining the intricacies of neighbourhood planning has involved considerable investment of time
- c. It appears likely that those on the steering group represent those in the community with the commitment to complete the task

John thanked members for attending and closed the meeting.