



Dalston Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Group Meeting

Number 42

7pm, 31st January 2017 @ Forge Green

Present:

Cllr. Chris Drouet (DPC) [CD]; Cllr Pauline Dalton (DPC) [PD]; Cllr. Ann Byers (DPC Chairman) [AB]; Cllr. Ronnie Auld (DPC Vice Chairman) [RA]; Liz Auld [LA]; Jill Faux [JF]; David Gray (David Gray Associates) [DG]

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr. Oliver Rickerby (DPC) [OR]; Richard Wood (CCC) [RW]; Cllr. Bryan Craig (DPC) [BC]

The meeting was advised that OR had agreed not to attend due his conflict of interest with items in this agenda.

2. Local Green Spaces – DNP-LGS 55 The land between The Kingsway and The River Caldew.

PD introduced the concept of LGS and described the response from the Dalston Visions Survey to protect this area shown in DNP-LGS 55, as considerable. With this public interest, the Steering Group considered it their public duty to make every effort to carry out this proposal on behalf of the Parish.

DG, the landowner, discussed his position concerning the adoption of his land as a Local Green Space. He said that he had no intention of developing the land and with the high cost of purchase and a prohibitive overage clause, there was no advantage (to him) having the land designated LGS. He went on to say that he couldn't say what would happen in the future and he didn't want to de-value the land by having any further restriction put on it.

CD suggested that a compromise might be to make the area of land most prevalent to the public a LGS thus leaving a proportion near DGs house available for other uses in the future.

DG said he would agree to that and CD suggested he drew a map showing which part of the area he would consider making a LGS.

DG agreed to do this and submit a map to CD tomorrow to circulate to all the Steering Group members.



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Action: DG & CD

Map received and circulated to the Group for comment.

3. Consultation Comments received and our reply to them with any actions required (general replies)

The Group went through the comments from Lindsay Cowan and recorded their replies in the draft Appendix of the "statement of Consultation".

4. AOB.

CD Raised the following issues;

There were some residual funds left from the grant received for assisting the group to conduct the Pre-Submission Consultation. CD had asked if these funds could be re-assigned to another part of the project and spent later in the year. Unfortunately, the grant funding organisation cannot allow unspent funds to carry over the financial year end so they must be returned. There was some discussion whether an advance order could be placed with the printer for his work in the future.

CD decided after the meeting that this would not be proper so he decided to have this surplus returned to the grant providing body on the basis that the group would re-apply for funding when the date of the referendum was known.

Action: CD

CD asked about the progress of the re-design of the front page of The Plan. RA assured the meeting it was in progress and he would chase this.

Action: RA

CD asked about the progress of supplying new photographs for The Plan. RA said he was waiting for good weather to be able to take some new ones. CD said that there was a tight timescale now to get the Plan ready for submission to the LA and so the issue of new photographs needed to be resolved quickly. RA assured the meeting he would either supply new photos or supply appropriate existing ones by the middle of next week.

Action RA.



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CD said he was currently writing the “Statement of Consultation”, the “Statement of Basic Conditions” and producing the next draft of the Plan. He hoped to deliver the next draft of the Plan to PD for error checking by the middle of next week. This draft (v19) would be marked up by PD and returned for corrections to be made to the next draft (v20) by CD.

Action: CD & PD

The prospect of the next meeting including a discussion with the Dalston Agricultural Society (DAS) concerning the proposal to make the Showfield a LGS was discussed. CD mentioned that the suggested date proposed by the DAS, 7th Feb 2017, clashed with another meeting at Forge Green. The DAS secretary had suggested it might be difficult to set up another meeting for many weeks so it was agreed the group would suggest an early meeting time on the 7th at 5 pm. This would be offered to the DAS.

Action: CD

CD stressed how important it was for as many of this group as possible should be present at the meeting with DAS. All those present agreed to attend at 5pm on the 7th February if this was confirmed with the DAS.

Action: All

5. The date of the next meeting.

To be confirmed, see above.