

London Borough of Lambeth
**NORWOOD PLANNING
ASSEMBLY**

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MINUTES

Norwood Planning Assembly Environment and Green Infrastructure working group meeting
Tuesday 5th February 2019, 7pm
The Hope Pub, Norwood High Street SE27

Present: Tom Venables, Graham Pycock, Amanda Courtney, Anne Crane, Thomas Denhoff, Andre Burgess, Pete Elliot (Green Councillor), Paola Pagliarin (Lambeth Cycles), Dr Mark Bilton, Noshir Patel
Apologies: Tim Bellenger, Mark Fairhurst, Kathleen Blackman, Nick Foster

PREFACE

Tom circulated the document entitled Low Carbon Neighbourhood Planning produced by the Centre for Sustainable published in January 2018, Our Kind of Norwood (Power Point) version 2, Norwood Neighbourhood Plan table of contents (draft version 1).

Tom circulated the following prior to the meeting:

I'd like our working session to focus on the front-end of the plan, and have a discussion around our vision, objectives and area wide policies with a particular focus around environmental/climate change mitigation aspects.

Please find attached a powerpoint file that we can begin to work in to start recording aspects that we need to include, as well as overall table of contents which provides our working draft plan structure.

At the last committee meeting we discussed the potential to become much more focused on green issues and supporting zero carbon development. This accords with Lambeth Council's recent declaration of a Climate

Emergency <https://moderngov.lambeth.gov.uk/documents/s100857/Motions%2023.01.19%20-%20Final.pdf> following the IPCC Report.

We also have the potential for some support from the Centre for Sustainable Energy (see attached email) to help us define and consult on green policies, something I think we should welcome with open arms. They also have various guidance notes on Neighbourhood Planning -

Tomorrow night I would like to discuss ideas around these and other themes, and begin to collectively flesh out what we would like our area policies to be.

Please also see Tom's email dated 4th February 2019 from CSE (if you don't have this or any of the documents mentioned here please ask Amanda Courtney to forward them to you).

MEETING

Tom feels that Green Infrastructure is an area which could be used as a vehicle to get more people on board and give The Plan meaning e.g *'London's Greenest Suburb'* in accordance with IPCC recommendations. This would give The Plan clarity and purpose. NPA must have a vision that will be enshrined in The Plan.

Thomas suggested that car usage is difficult to address and Norwood would require better cycle parking provision at stations. This would likely receive 'push back' from developers who would also need to consider sustainable energy options in their development proposals.

Tom stated that we need to set out our objectives in The Plan and that we make a statement of Carbon Neutrality and consider Climate Mitigation. The role of The Plan is to set policies and projects.

NPA welcomed Pete Elliot, Green Councillor for Gypsy Hill ward, who said he was very interested in NPA's Norwood Neighbourhood Plan project and what he might be able to bring to it in terms of his leverage. He feels that Air Quality is a major hook as we are now in a state of Climate Emergency. He is excited by the power and influence NPA has, given its designated status and that it is working at local level.

Pete talked about a recent Social Housing conference he attended in Manchester where there were presentations on green roofing and the falling costs of solar energy; 'Good Energy options are out there'. Furthermore, he expressed his concerns about the council's discussions to demolish estates.

Pete is able to put 2 'motions' on behalf of The Greens to Lambeth Council and ask questions and can do this with 4 weeks notice. He feels that council officers do express an interest in this issue although there is nothing in the budget. He told the group that all meetings are booked so NPA needs to think about what questions it wants to ask. There is plenty of work to do such as setting up meetings with FEAST organisers to make it waste free for example.

The IPCC offers green motions on Climate Emergency in Lambeth and gives NPA something to say.

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Tom talked through the Table of Contents and reminded the group that there are ad hoc interactions between the wards of Crystal Palace and Herne Hill where there is some shared information and learning. The Green Infrastructure element of The Plan will take into account public realm and good design in response to any proposals from developers. NPA needs to set out area-wide policies although will not get into the area of housing need as this will delay The Plan completion. Graham argued however, that we can't ignore housing as Norwood requires 50,000 new homes but rather we need to look at good design, sites, reduce raft of new types of housing.

PRIORITY AREAS

Dr Mark Bilton raised the issue of unintended cultural cleansing, that changes must be socially just, environmentally concerned and sustainable. This embeds everything.

A first draft of the final Plan should be written by the end of April 2019 and finalised by the end of the year. The slide deck needs improved graphics.

Tom suggested that one of the best Plans to look at is Knightsbridge particularly for its report on Air Quality, also Queenstown and Kentish Town. Waltham Forest has good cycle provision and could be written into the Norwood Neighbourhood Plan. He has also looked at Totnes Plan which contains a lot of green ideas although is not a particularly well written Plan. BID is exploring the possibility of getting air quality monitors. Pete told the group that his colleague Caroline Russell is knowledgeable on air quality.

Dr Mark Bilton claims there are a lot of win wins for Norwood by taking these issues on board but we also need to be mindful of gentrification as well as aiming for our trajectory to reflect aspiration. The group suggested the tag line 'London's Greenest Town' (not suburb) and The Plan could help achieve this by aiming to be Carbon Neutral by 2030 if not before. Pete expressed that it is vital to reverse the impacts of pollution and poor air quality. Anne spoke about measures such as electrification of transport which is being researched e.g. the feasibility of the implementation of an electric fleet by Arriva. The bus garage also has a flat roof which could be greened. Every decision leads to a qualities impact decision.

There is a tree planting scheme in London with the aim of offsetting carbon emissions but there is a problem of where to plant them, also creating rain gardens. Paola talked of promoting healthier cycle routes which should make up 7% of Lambeth's transport budget, improving cycle racks (some were removed from outside the COOP).

Pete postulated the reverse transport priority system i.e. pedestrians first, cycles, public transport, taxi, car clubs/sharing before vehicle ownership. Tom said that Ford Motors are already planning for people not owning vehicles and changing the way we look at travelling within the next 10 years.

Dr Mark Bilton suggested we need to 'frame' our narrative, what are NPA's next steps and potential projects. We need to get the views of people who don't come to meetings. Paola suggested promoting NPA at health centres/dentists, encouraging people to walk/cycle. Tom feels though that NPA's main influence will be regarding development and building regulations.

CONCLUSIONS

Anne feels that NPA needs to reflect the diverse community in The Plan and recognise this, promote it and weave it into 'London's Greenest Town'. Members of the community need to know what to do and require guidance as Croydon has done.

NPA should look to organisations such as Friends of the Earth, Lambeth for a cooler planet, Mums for Lungs, Green Champios, Street Champions for help

Graham wants NPA to draft its list of priorities in order to access its portion of CIL.

Ends 9pm

NOTES FROM PAOLA PAGLIARIN FROM LAMBETH CYCLES

I have shared these notes with Lambeth Cyclists (LC) committee members and I am happy to participate as a local resident and to bring you updates from the work of LC in the borough:

current vision and recent recommendations for transport strategy, and suggestions in future transport consultations, etc.

Here are my notes from last night
Norwood Planning Assembly meeting 5/2/2019

Participants:

Lead planner: Tom Enables,
Chair: Graham Pycock
Noshir Patel, Norwood Forum
Anne Crane, Norwood Action Group
Amanda Courtney, organisation and comms
Cllr Pete Elliot, Green party Gipsy hill ward
Thomas Denhof, local architect
Mark..., local resident

The Norwood planning assembly aims to put together an initial draft of the neighbourhood plan for Norwood. This covers most of the wards of Gipsy hill, Knights hill and Tulse hill (till Botanical centre near the giratory)

The NPA aims to put together a draft plan for mid April ahead of May elections.

The vision is:

To harness the benefits of development opportunity sites for the wider community.

Focus on the central 'heart' i.e. the town centre (Norwood rd)

Key priorities:

Greater ops for businesses, small enterprises, artists/artisans.

Greater facilities for residents

Better connections

Lower vehicle traffic

Improving environment

These objectives align with LC Lambeth-wide aims:

-local: access on doorstep to schools, communal facilities, green spaces, shops, health facilities, and jobs

-safe: for kids, pedestrians and cyclists

-clean: to reduce pollution and waste in the streets and recycling

-Equality

The Norwood plan is for development by 2030, E.g. aim to be zero carbon by 2030...

E.g. London greenest town (referenced to town council / town centre)

Come up with a more relevant hashtag (to update current #ourkindofnorwood)

The group will refer to current Lambeth policies and look to make recommendations and suggest new policies to improve:

- movement and connections,
- environment and green infrastructure,
- good design and development principles

The Centre for Sustainable Energy will run a workshop to help the group look through and write policies (March/ April meeting)

E.g. zero carbon policy

E.g. response to climate emergency

Implications:

with future tech dev for energy production and storing, local grids, PV subsidies, solar thermal tech, etc ,

Transport electrification

of busses, electric cars and e-charging docks/stations, 5-10 years impact of ULEZ, increased future e-car ownership?

Pedestrianise town centres or ban some vehicle traffic? So no car parking, only e-bikes charging docks, bicycle lanes, bike parking, benches, green spaces (mini-Holland example)

The group wants to look at gold standards and examples of best practice in all areas e.g.

Air quality (Knightsbridge)

Cycle infrastructure (Waltham Forest)

Reduced traffic ?

Access to transport ?

Green spaces ?

Funding: any sources for future green dev?

- Community infrastructure levy

- Lambeth will want to fund some bold and radical development

- E-production: Community owned energy /or mutually owned with council

Green party Gipsy hill ward Cllr Pete Elliot suggested to request for Council decisions for future developments to be checked against environmental impact assessment, in addition to the current equality impact assessment.

Can enter 1 motion in every Lambeth cabinet meeting, with 4 weeks notice at least.

On another note, I have asked LC about this:

Lambeth claims to have a Sustainable Procurement Champion /officer.

If anyone knows as it would be good to find out and check what they are tasked with.

Thanks, Paola

Actions

- Look at examples of neighbourhood plans which incorporate Green Infrastructure well
- Research further funding streams. Graham to look at what is in CIL pot
- Agree new tag line e.g.# London's Greenest Town
- Set Green Infrastructure policies and projects
- Decide on questions that Pete Elliot can enter to cabinet meetings
- Write a first draft of The Plan by the end of April 2019