

CIG Notes and Actions:

13th May 2022

9:30-11am

1. *CDT Update* – Alex Russell
2. *Stonewall FC* - Mike
3. *Block A Lofthouse Square Restaurant* – Declan Perkins
4. *Groundbreakers* – Toby Butler
5. *IQL* – Olivia Parson
6. *The Karrot App* – Laurie Hwang and Vincent Phung
7. *The Wick Newspaper 6* – Tom Kihl
8. *Mobile Garden and Canalside* – Will Elliot

Updates:

London Festival of Architecture 2022 / A12 Undercroft / Hackney Wick Canal Park / CIG Development

Attendees:

In person:

Abbey Oladapo – *Three Sixtee (Chair)*
Abbie Hedaux – *Creative Wick*
Alex Russell – *CDT*
Ania Buesdorff – *The Trampery*
Bernardo Lopez – *Architect*
Christina Martinez – *The Trampery*
Dalal Al-Jalaby - *LIFT*
Declan Perkins – *Lanterna Bar/Restaurant Fish Island*
Gabrielle Reason – *HW Sauna Baths*
James Stanfield – *LLDC*
Joe Sharpe – *Zhero*
Kim Haslam – *Nutritional Therapist*

Laurie Hwang – *Karrot*
Neil McDonald – *Old Baths/HW Underground*
Oliver Benjamin – *Good Growth Hub*
Robert Dumas – *HW Sauna Baths*
Tom Kihl – *The Lococo/The Wick*
Victoria Maddox – *HW Sauna Batha*
Vincent Phung – *Karrot*
Sir William Atkinson – *Local resident*
William Chamberlain – *Creative Wick*
Will Elliot – *Hackney Bridge*

Online:

Alexis Charles – *London Louvre*
Cathy Brennan – *Get Living*

Chris H - *Karrot*

Hannah Ayres – *Arbeit*

Hannah Duckham – *Workspace*

Imtiaz Patel – *Construction Skills Manager*

Jacquie Holland – *LLDC*

Mike – *Stonewall FC*

Olivia Parson – *IQL*

Onaba Payab – *Here East*

Paul Reynolds – *Tapestry*

Peter Tudor – *LLDC*

Sarah Smith – *Shaw Trust*

Toby Butler – *Groundbreakers*

Tommo – *Barge East*

Zijing Zhang – *Living Lab/UCL East*

No.	Notes	Email and links
	Introduction	
	<p><u>Abbey Oladapo</u> (Chair) welcomed everyone back to the second hybrid/in-person CIG meeting and reviewed April’s minutes</p>	
1	CDT Update – Alex Russell	
	<p>The CDT work to secure land for community use in the long-term</p> <p>Just signed a license for Gainsborough Bridge land to protect community gardening there</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Site is owned by Hackney Council - Also working with Eco Active and local residents living on the estate <p>Looking to support a retail space to showcase local businesses as part of the circular economy</p> <p>CDT have recently appointed a local youth coordinator who knows the area really well and has good connections in the area</p>	<p><u>P. Reynolds</u>: Some positive noises in the Queens Speech that the levelling up bill may force developers and landowners to put empty units out to auction after a year of being vacant. Details are sketchy at the moment, but could be a positive step. Hope to report in more detail soon!</p>

	<p>Working with LLDC to look at vacant spaces in HWFI and find ways to unlock them and put them to use instead of them wasting away</p> <p><u>Living Lab research findings:</u></p> <p><u>Z. Zhang:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home ownership is unobtainable for most young people - Current housing expenditure is too much <p>There is a shortfall of £400pm between average creative sector income and average HWFI rents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affordable housing has social benefits - Unconventional housing is important to most (54% of participants lived in warehouses) - Neighbourhood quality trumps affordability <p>The way forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Product mix tailored for different groups of people - Alternative housing models - Key worker status for creative practitioners 	<p>Full report is available to read here: https://creativewick.com/living-lab-second-project-now-live/</p> <p><u>A. Russell:</u> CDT co-commissioned this research as it has an interest in partnerships to deliver affordable housing</p> <p><u>N. McDonald:</u> What do you mean by key worker status for creatives?</p> <p><u>W. Chamberlain:</u> The report asks the question “can creative practitioners be granted the equivalent of key worker status in Creative Enterprise Zones?” Something to be explored in the future?</p>
<p>2</p>	<p><i>Stonewall FC - Mike</i></p>	
	<p>New to the area, joining to say hello and introduce to local community</p> <p>Grassroots, not for profit, LGBTQ+ football club</p>	<p>https://www.stonewallfc.com/</p> <p><u>W. Chamberlain:</u> Stonewall FC was mentioned in issue 5 of the Wick</p> <p>The September issue is hoping to cover sport activity and movement – would be good to have a chat and feature Stonewall in the issue</p>

	<p>It is a safe space for LGBTQ+ members and allies</p> <p>Home pitch is based at London Marathon community track. Most successful club in sector – with 19 titles worldwide!</p> <p>Take a look at website and get in contact via there to find out how to get involved</p> <p>You can find more information about Stonewall FC here.</p>	<p><u>Mike:</u> Would be great to be featured Do a lot of commercial partnerships and are keen to continue</p> <p>See link for more info: Stonewall FC - About</p>
3	<i>Blockhouse A Lofthouse Square Restaurant – Declan Perkins</i>	
	<p>Opening a Pizzeria/bar on Fish Island overlooking Lofthouse Square in Fish Island Village</p> <p>Planning and leasing has taken a lot longer than anticipated</p> <p>Building is due to be finished by early June</p> <p>Hope to be open shortly after, no hard date as of yet</p> <p>Looking to recruit local workers – chef/cooks/baristas/bar manager</p>	<p><u>W. Chamberlain:</u> Will there be outdoor seating?</p> <p><u>D. Perkins:</u> Working on getting a license for this</p> <p><u>W. Chamberlain:</u> Is there any opportunities for local artists?</p> <p><u>D. Perkins:</u> Already commissioned a local artist to design the interior – will feature street art inside</p> <p><u>W. Chamberlain:</u> Will you be having live music and other events?</p> <p><u>D. Perkins:</u> Do not have the license for it at them moment but might look into it in the future Will have quieter events like wine tasting nights Will also be good to get a good working relationship with The Trampery</p>
4	<i>Groundbreakers – Toby Butler</i>	
	<p>Heritage Trail of QEOP</p> <p>Official press launch in June 1st</p> <p>There will be QR codes around the park to find information</p> <p>Teaching materials will be available for youth groups to use and engage younger audiences with</p>	<p>E: toby.butler@bbk.ac.uk</p> <p>https://www.livingmaps.org/forthcoming-events/groundbreakers-natural-history</p> <p><u>A. Charles:</u> Great job Toby Butler!</p> <p><u>O. Parson:</u> Really great project</p>

	Happy to share physical posters/postcards to people who want to help promote – drop Toby an email with your address	
5	<i>IQL – Olivia Parson</i>	
	<p>Urban farm growing fruits and salads – anyone that wants fresh produce, get in touch</p> <p>Mobile orchid is underway – working with Peter Tudor at LLDC to soften Endeavour Square</p> <p>Events planned over the Jubilee weekend such as live music etc</p> <p>Summer screen will be returning – free sports events and film screenings</p> <p>Also partnering with London Youth Rowing</p>	
6	<i>The Karrot App – Laurie Hwang and Vincent Phung</i>	
	<p>Hyperlocal community app – completely free for users</p> <p>Started in South Korea and has since gained over 22m users across 5 countries</p> <p>App to buy and sell with verified locals – you can add up to two neighbourhoods to the app</p> <p>They ensure safety through local verification</p> <p>Partnered with East Village and Get Living to bring the app to London in March 22</p> <p>Previously held fundraising events to help raise money for Ukrainian Refugees – hoping to do more events like this in the future</p>	<p>https://uk.karrotmarket.com/</p> <p>Karrot will be giving out £5 M&S vouchers to those who upload 3 items for sale/free on Karrot starting from Saturday 14th May</p> <p><u>A. Russell</u>: Lots of synergy with what the CDT are doing, will email with more details</p> <p><u>A. Buesdorff</u>: Are the fundraising events integrated into the app?</p> <p><u>L. Hwang</u>: Not currently, but could be something to look into if there was a demand for it</p>

	<p>Have a look at the app – would love to hear feedback!</p>	<p><u>T. Butler:</u> Laurie, it would be nice to have a facility to promote community events/news to the community...</p> <p><u>L. Hwang:</u> Toby – absolutely! In London we’re focused on buying/selling at the moment but we do have community boards back in South Korea where you can pop questions, share events, etc. Happy to bring them here to cater to the needs of communities</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><i>The Wick Newspaper Issue 6 – Tom Kihl</i></p>	
	<p>The theme for issue 6 is built environment and the Olympic legacy</p> <p>Lots of features related to architecture to tie in with the LFA in June. Excited to report that The Wick is one of the festival’s media partners this year.</p> <p><u>K. Haslam:</u></p> <p>Looking to integrate wellbeing into the theme</p> <p>Writing an article about loneliness as a health risk</p> <p>Looking into communal areas that can help combat this – anyone with ideas get in touch</p> <p><u>T. Kihl:</u> There will also be a follow up to Gabrielle Reason’s article on sauna baths looking into sound baths etc.</p> <p>Happy for people to pitch in ideas</p> <p>Deadline is fast approaching so get in touch asap</p>	<p>https://www.londonfestivalofarchitecture.org/current-supporters/</p> <p><u>A. Russell:</u> The living lab report on community housing links in well to loneliness</p> <p>It showed that people want to work in communal spaces because of that feeling of community</p> <p>Might be something worth bringing out in the article as there is something interesting that is already happening organically</p> <p><u>T. Kihl:</u> There is another story we are working on looking into the challenges and advantages of community led housing</p> <p><u>N. McDonald:</u> Happy to discuss the work civic space are doing to create positive social wealth</p> <p>Safe environments are about accessible spaces with lots of different activities happening within them such as the sauna baths etc.</p>

8	Hackney Bridge Mobile Garden and Canalside – Will Elliot	
	<p>Mobile garden is officially happening – aim is to move to the end of the lower tier on canalside and activate it</p> <p>Want to make the space more user friendly with tables and chairs etc – will also be a new bar there</p> <p>Canalside mural commission</p> <p>Opportunity for 3 local artists to help re-design Hackney Bridge</p> <p>Have a budget of up to £15k</p> <p>Deadline has been extended to 22nd May</p> <p>Happy for anyone interested to pop down and take a look</p> <p>Free space for local young creative</p> <p>Already have a 50% rent offer</p> <p>Also want to offer a retail space downstairs to a local young creative for free for one year</p> <p>Will also cover bills of up to £10k in this time</p> <p>Love to hear from anyone who might be interested</p> <p>Deadline for this is 30th May</p>	<p>William Chamberlain asked if people will still be able to bring their own picnics/bbqs/drinks etc to canalside to enjoy what has always been a free space.</p> <p>Will Elliot – we recognise that there is an important history of unrestricted public use of the space and we want to try and accommodate everyone. Watch this space.</p>
	Updates	
	<p><u>James Stanfield:</u></p> <p>The CIL Neighbourhood priority fund has just launched</p> <p>Will be running a 3 month bidding window – deadline 5th August</p>	<p>LLDC CIL webpage</p> <p>NPF application form</p> <p>LLDC press release</p>

Anyone with a proposal can bid up to £30k
Had to put a cap on this year's budget to ensure as many people can get funding as possible

LFA:

Launches June 1st

Wick newspaper will be the media partner

[LFA website](#)

Have a look at their website for all information

Creative Wick are planning a School of Activism one day forum event – more info will be sent out in next week's CIG newsletter

A12 Undercroft:

Working group are in consultation with local stakeholders to try and reactivate the space

Cath Carver and Neil McDonald to present update in June's CIG

Canal park:

Work is due to commence shortly and will be ready for the summer

CIG development:

Already have 3 Gold supporters: Here East, Anderson Group and Southern Grove and 2 x Bronze: CDT and The Trampery

<p>In conversation with lots of local supporters and will be adding supporters to the website as we develop the package</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	
<p><u>A. Russell:</u> Suggested to ask LLDC about the Taylor Wimpey site in FI The whole structure has to come down which will cause huge disruptions and environmental damage Keen to know what happened and how that was allowed to happen</p> <p><u>N. McDonald:</u> Update on the Baths – lots of wellbeing activities happening Rebuilding the garden outside and working on an urban design challenge for under 10s - Want to host environmental exhibitions and create a youth board Sauna Baths are very popular – open Weds - Sun Sweet Sundays – free open mic event Thursdays – volunteer days the rejuvenate the space Wick CNC (computer numerical control) are active and working on projects for modular housing and sustainable developments</p>	<p><u>W. Chamberlain:</u> Get Taylor Wimpey on a CIG meeting to speak about it They are active in the area – building on the white post lane site - so should be available to join</p> <p><u>A. Russell:</u> They might not want to come, but might be worth going straight to LLDC</p> <p><u>B. Lopez:</u> Taylor Wimpey have a poor record in this area and this will add another 2/3 years to the construction causing huge disruption in the community</p> <p><u>W. Chamberlain:</u> Is there an update on the tenancy?</p> <p><u>N. McDonald:</u> In discussions with Hackney Council so cannot say too much about it Have a meeting with them on May 25th to resolve it so can update after that</p>

<p>Baths are open everyday, feel free to pop in and have a look</p> <p><u>P. Reynolds:</u> Hosting a circular economy walk in June 15th as part of the LFA Hearth bakery are crowdfunding – near their target and have 3 days left. Please support if you can!</p> <p><u>C. Brennan:</u> The Lab E20 is a space we have in East Village for community, creativity and sustainability. Email if interested to know more or to visit</p>	<p>Info here</p> <p>Crowdfunder here</p> <p>E: cathy.brennan@getliving.com</p>
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Next Meeting:

10th June 2022

9:30-11am

Please send anything to be included on the next agenda to info@hackneywick.org