

Minutes of the meeting on Friday 09 June 2017 Held at: The Old Baths, Eastway, Hackney Wick

# "Working together to establish a permanent, sustainable, creative economy in Hackney Wick and Fish Island"

#### In attendance:

Dom Jankowski (Hill/Fish Island Village)

Connie Coyle (Hill/ Fish Island Village)

Vanessa Coetzee (Peabody/Fish Island Village)

Yolanda Antonopoulou (Gaia Pulses/Old Baths Café)

Thea Khoury (Haven for Artists)

Lorna Blake (Hackney Wick & Fish Island)

Stuart Duncan (Echo)

Olly Hawes (Take Stock Exchange)

Nick Cassenbaum (Take Stock Exchange)

Stanislav Briza (Hackney Wick Community Dark Room)

Graeme Evans (Middlesex University)

Jack Griffiths (Hackney Wick Boulder Project)

Josh Glanville (Hackney Wick Boulder Project)

Kate Rose (Omega Works)

Jasel Nandha (Here East)

Gwenno Edwards (Make Shift/Clarnico Quay)

Tobias Hug (Save Hackney Wick)

Sara Karpanen (Save Hackney Wick)

Lucy Rogers (Save Hackney Wick)

Minna Ruohonen (UCL)

Jeremy Hildreth (JeremyHildreth.com)

Jack Haynes (The Yard Theatre)

Holly (Studio Wayne McGregor)

Kate McCurdy (Studio Wayne McGregor)

Taiwo Sheteolu (Print Big UK)

Mel Allison - Secretary (East Wick & Sweetwater)

Victoria Stonebridge (LLDC)

Cllr. Nick Sharman (LBHackney)

William Chamberlain – Chair (Creative Wick)

# 1. Fish Island Village - Peabody/Hill - Dom Jankowski

# Key facts:

- 3 phases of construction, 21 buildings. 580 residential units
- Construction work commenced in Feb 2017
- Trampery will be managing all of Phase 1 & Phase 2 commercial space
- Construction complete December 2020
- Invites everyone to visit the site marketing suite and get in touch directly if you have any
  questions or concerns about the construction <a href="mailto:dominicjankowski@hill.co.uk">dominicjankowski@hill.co.uk</a>

#### Q: What type of housing will there be?

There is a mix of Private, Affordable & Shared Ownership. Phase 1 has highest percentage of affordable

# Q: What is the role of the Trampery

They will look at local area and review to decide on their approach to the spaces. There will be a 25 year lease agreement with the Trampery to operate the commercial space. This will include flexible workspace, deskspace and studios. There will be some affordable workspace.

- The Trampery's Fish Island Labs have experience working in the area and were involved with the planning. The commercial spaces design has been left large so option to be flexible and sub-divide as required at a later stage.
- Someone added that there is a shortage of affordable meeting rooms and spaces that are hireable by the hour. 90 main yard have spaces available.
- Map maker for Save Hackney Wick had questions about the consultation process and community involvement in the development. Peabody bought the site with planning consent and existing Section 106 requirements. Community events and consultation was carried out over 5 years with local groups, including Unit APD and CIG.

ACTION: Peabody will circulate further info about the commercial spaces and ask The Trampery to attend a CIG meeting to present more information when the business model has been developed.

# 2. You, Me, the World and Hackney Wick - Nick Cassenbaum & Olly Hawes, Take Stock Exchange

- Take Stock Exchange is a community story telling company, started in Redbridge with a grant. They have since worked with over 1000 participants.
- They work with existing community groups, as diverse a group as possible. Dialogue through difference - age, ethnicity, economic, religion etc. The work creates dialogue through difference, encourages empathy, develops civic pride collects, shares and creates stories.

The next project is working in with The Yard theatre and focussed on Hackney Wick. They
will be working with 3 groups - original residents, artists, new residents. Still defining the
geographic area that will be included in the project.

ACTION: Asking for people to get involved, get in touch with katherine@theyardtheatre.co.uk

#### 3. PBUK: printing for local artists - Taiwo Sheteolu

- Print Big UK are a small printers based in Main Yard, Wallis Road that have been working in the area for just over 3 years. Traditionally a large print company but now also doing small print.
- They offer guidance through printing and production, give you advice on cost-effectiveness alternatives and offer advice on material usage and aesthetics.
- Competitively priced,

# Contact Taiwo at 94a Wallis Road, www.printbiguk.com info@printbiguk.com

William Chamberlain pointed out that one of the key reasons for drafting and agreeing the Hackney Wick and Fish Island Code of Conduct in 2015 (see attached) was to encourage new businesses moving into the area to source their supply chain locally wherever possible and particularly in the Creative Economy. It applies equally to established and long term local businesses. Everyone agreed that it would be good to start a hashtag to promote local businesses and produce.

ACTION: Start using the **#MadeInHackneyWick** hashtag for HWFI and share the Code of Conduct

#### 4. The Future of the Wick - Sara Karpanen / Tobias Hug

- Saturday 10 June will be a full day of workshops, talks, protests, discussions, guided tours, art & live music – organised by the Save Hackney Wick campaign.
- Lots of changes in the area so looking to come together to discuss the ongoing plans and developments. Also doing an exercise to map upcoming changes in the area.
- There will be a cycle ride to protest air quality impacts of concrete factory and bridges.
   Anyone with concerns about air quality from ongoing construction work should speak to Cllr. Rachel Blake at LBTH.

ACTION: join the events tomorrow

# 5. Old Baths, Eastway, Hackney Wick - Yolanda Antonopoulou

- A big thank you to the Old Baths for hosting the meeting and putting on a fantastic spread
  of refreshments, from the café at the Old Baths, Gaia Pulses.
- The Gainsborough Road Public Baths were built in 1934, designed by the Borough's engineer Percival Holt. Originally, Holt proposed public baths with a huge swimming pool (100' by 35') with gallery, and a concert hall with stage and club rooms. Sadly these plans were never realised and had to be scaled back to only include public 'slipper' baths and a mechanical laundry quite revolutionary for its time. The building was fully restored to its current state back in 1994 and it is one of Hackney's listed buildings.
- Currently its premises are used as photography studios mainly for the fashion industry, there is a dark room, a Cafe, an open Gallery space and afternoon classes available for the local Community.
- Gaia Pulses is a food project centred around Organic Pulses and inspired by traditional Greek recipes handed down through generations of mothers. They offer a great catering menu for events and are passionate about sourcing ingredients locally.

#### 6. Beirut artist exchange – Thea Khoury

- Haven For Artists is an organization/concept created and conceived mainly for the underground artists of today and tomorrow in Beirut city. Haven's initial aspiration is to bring them a stage and area wherein they can exhibit, showcase and perform their art forms to their peers and fellow artists.
- Lebanon has seen a huge influx of people seeking refuge since 2011 tensions rising in the Middle East, many creatives drawn to Beirut.
- They have developed a large database of artist and organisation contacts to facilitate the introduction of regional artists to stakeholders and resources (usually non cash based trading of resources).
- They have a community hub building and the only working dark room in the Beirut area. A
  variety of studio options are available, including board and facilities.
- Looking to setup relations between Beirut / London / Berlin. This is also currently being paid for out of pocket and would be interested in connecting with funders and larger stakeholders if anyone has any connections.

ACTION: Please see the attached presentation / further information.

#### 7. Dark room – Stanislav Briza

- New project to create a community dark room in HW, as there is always a shortage of space in dark rooms in the area.
- This is a community project rather than a commercial approach. Currently sourcing equipment second hand on eBay etc. Looking for a space for the dark room, ready to start ASAP.

ACTION: get in touch with Stanislav if you know of any suitable spaces.

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#### 8. AOB

# **Hackney Wick Boulder Project**

- HW Boulder Project are running a suspended coffee system, so you can buy a coffee for someone to redeem for free. Open for the whole community to use, you don't need to be homeless etc. Drop in for a coffee and say hi!
- Running a mentoring scheme in partnership with the Wick Award, working with 8 teenagers that are receiving free climbing sessions. This gives young people an opportunity to socialise with people that they usually wouldn't meet.
- Supporting a new charitable organisation each month with one slab wall problem that has
  the name of the group on it. Everyone invited to have a go and tag photos / videos
  afterwards to raise awareness of the charity. This month is Womankind Worldwide.
- Still looking for permanent space in the area, where they are now is temporary.

ACTION: get in touch if you know of any suitable spaces

#### Hydrocitizenship

Active Energy water wheel was launched at Three Mills heritage site on the 13th of May.
 The wheel will be at the Three Mills until the 23rd of June and a more permanent home will be found along the River Lee.

#### **EWS Zonal Masterplan information**

 Lucinda Rogers requested some information about East Wick and Sweetwater, Mel will catch up following the meeting.

#### **Town Hall meeting**

Town Hall meeting coordinated by Gill Wildman will be held on the Monday 19 June outside
 The Pearl. A chance to talk about raise issues and discuss with others.

# **Meeting John Biggs**

 There is a Q&A session with John Biggs on Wednesday 21 June at Hub 67. All local residents are invited to attend.

# **Hackney WickEd**

The festival will take place the last weekend of July.

# Intellectual Property masterclass – Creative Wick

- You are invited to attend a FREE Masterclass in Intellectual Property Law for creative practitioners by Jeremy Summers of Lewis Silkin LLP on Wednesday 28th June 2017 from 10.30am to 12pm at Arbeit Studios, White Post Lane.
- Topics covered will include copyright, patents, designs, trademarks and the protection of brands and products. To reserve your place please RSVP to hello@creativewick.com

# The Great Get Together

- Free family event at Queen Elizabeth Park on Sunday 18 June. Will include lots of activities, entertainment and stalls.
- Here East will be running a Makers Market on the day.

Next CIG: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at The White Building

Please send any agenda items to info@hackneywick.org and as ever, please tell anyone you think should be there to come along.