Hackney Wick Cultural Interest Group

Minutes of the meeting held Friday 13th May 2012

Held at: The Yard Theatre, Queens Yard, WPL, E9

***“Helping to establish a permanent, sustainable, creative community in Hackney Wick.'***

**In attendance:**

(WC) William Chamberlain – Smokehouse Gallery and CIG chair

(TS) Tom Seaton – Counter Café

(MW) Marek Wasniewski – Floating House Productions / Bouyed up

(JP) Jim Previtt – SPACE Studios

(JM) Jay Miller – The Yard Theatre

(DE) Daren Ellis – See Studios

(RW) Rebecca Whyte – Stour Space

Neal - Stour Space

Daniel - Scipmylo

Kiera – Local artist

Alicia - Braziliality

Hackney Wicked – Ed, Maree, Jess

Richard Brown – local resident

**Authorities:**

(EE) Esther Everett – LLDC

(EF) Eleanor Fawcett – LLDC

(CG) Claire Gevaux - LLDC

(GH) Graham Hitchen – Burns Owen Partnership

(IF) Ian Freshwater – LB Hackney

**Apologies:**

Simone Williams & Sam Margolis

**Previous actions addressed:**

1. *Future meeting to be held at the White Building – June TBC*

**Outstanding actions:**

1. ***Made-in Directory to be presented to the group by MUF.***
2. ***Are full Terms of Reference to be drawn up i.e membership? To be reviewed April 2012?***
3. ***If Hamlet Industrial Estate provide electricity, concern re cost and vandalism – and only limited to one month.. Obstacles still to be addressed – will follow up later date (need BW / LBTH input). SS doesn’t mind supplying electricity.***
4. ***A further update on Wick Hub Scheme going forward will follow at a future meeting, now it falls under LLDC jurisdiction.***
5. ***Volker Highways to redo necessary works outside The Pearl, including sign reset.***

**A) LLDC Cultural & Arts Strategy:**

GH have been working for B.O.P, drafting and compiling an outline legacy culture and arts strategy. More of a statement of intent, it sets out how LLDC will build on what is being seen both from the Games and in the Park but also the wider area. It steers LLDC to help promote what is going on locally, using the Park as a platform and showcase for action.

This week we have been discussing with Stratford Rising and CREATE amongst others. This is an opportunity to use this document not only as an interface between local artists and orgs and the LLDC team but also as a programme of activity going forward in months and years to come.

The idea is that this document sets the framework for discussion and engagement. Obvious ways would be to review the document that William will disseminate. Secondly, would be a separate meeting or sub-group of this wider CIG group that we will hope to get set up soon. There are additionally a raft of activities due in July whereby open discussions with communities around the Park takes place.

LLDC keen on feedback on the idea of FIVE – a 5 year umbrella of spotlighting and showcase the range of exciting activities around the Park.

**CG** – Will go back to LLDC Board in September but this begins a longer dialogue on support and lifting on what exists to date. Open sessions have been set for Sugarhouse Studios and White Building in July. Your thoughts and additions to this document welcome, leading to long term partnership programme.

**GH** – I encourage engagement with such a key organisation for East London. Also, really key to note this new organisation’s commitment and stated support for arts and culture as outlined in this document.

**IF** – Ability to influence decisions and grow grassroots ideas might be a key message from the Wick.

**GH** – Mechanisms for more formal process of feeding in is alluded to and is seen as important.

**ACTION – WC to disseminate draft Strategy.**

**ACTION – smaller sub-group to give input ASAP but wider review in September.**

**B) LLDC Update:**

Main update since last time is that the current LLDC chair stepping down has been brought forward and Daniel Moylan has accepted the role.

Previous leader of Kensington and Chelsea Borough, he was a strong champion of improved and innovative public realm. Was also deputy chair of TfL.

White Building has reached practical completion so has been handed over to SPACE. Would like to offer tour and open event. Also establishing project advisory board, with a mix of backgrounds and skills – ideally with a local cultural community rep.

Wick Green and Mabley Projects finishing in June. Mabley to include lighting, power, waterpoints etc. Some of the spaces may need licensing but we will work with Hackney to ensure contact details are there on site to access the relevant people.

**JM** – What is LLDC’s relationship to Local Authorities? i.e licensing, building control, planning?

**EF** – As things stand, no change. Come October 1st, LLDC will have local Planning Powers. But local BC, licensing, H&S will always remain with local authorities. Larger applications, masterplans and policy will go to LLDC.

Largely, day-to-day stuff will remain with the local boroughs.

**IF** – Use of post LTGDC land south of the station? See it is now a car-park !

**EF** – Only just transferred, with pre-existing agreements.

**IF** – Be good to see if we could get something in place and see animation by the time the Games arrive.

**ACTION – Open tour of White Building on 24th May**

**ACTION – LLDC seek a local rep, to act as local custodian steering the project vision. LLDC to send further info.**

**ACTION – Any clear ideas for land south of the station, do send them through…**

**C) Local maps and signage.**

DE disseminated local map for mapping of creative uses. Guide would have a specific focus on Games-time, not just permanent buildings but also pop-up projects. Will gather info today and send a further draft electronically.

After Legible London wishes, Mark Kelder (LBH Streetscene) did disseminate proposed legible london maps. They were not that satisfactory, missing key publicly used buildings and wrongly stating that bridges were open

EE – MuF did also do a piece of mapping work to show the same and send them through to TfL around 12 months ago !

SW and SM absent so will have to follow up with LBTH.

Can LLDC get involved or bash heads together – seems to be a cross borough issue?

EF – But it is a local Highways and TfL issue.

**ACTION – IF to chase Highways colleagues, Sam Margolis and Mark Kelder.**

**ACTION – DE to disseminate draft Gamestime map electronically.**

**ACTION – LBTH to feedback on Legible London scheme. Updates to follow on other developments (Newspaper map, temporary Gamestime issues, LLDC).**

**ACTION – IF to investigate nature of temporary 2012 signage and opportunity to shape that.**

**D) Hackney Wicked:**

Year long set of exhibtions and events. First, retrospective, looking back at previous festival and showcases – on the back of annual Tomorrow People Elevator Gallery event.

Other curated shows will also run, so looking for submission for that. October will see a curated film show.

Wick Community Centre / Cre8 is developing well so will help host debates and discussions – wishing to extend to critical debate and artists development. Open Studios and Fete for the Wicked will still go ahead – perhaps with a Xmas 2012 focus.

Detailed handout was disseminated. Wicked outlined how much LLDC support could help make the above to happen!

**ACTION – Wicked to contact LLDC re the above.**

**E) Autumn Street Studios:**

Fantastic new venue, tying into water uses, stunning views, open day to follow.

BLOC weekender event received temporary stop event notice from ODA.

**ACTION – IF to attempt to clarify planning status re Autumn Street.**

**F) Scipmylo:**

**NB – Scipmylo is no longer going ahead this year.**

**G) More than Gold:**

Churches voluntary support to the local artists community during the 2012 Games.

<http://www.morethangold.org.uk/>

Artists portraits, to be drawn and displayed. Also, opportunities for volunteers to be places with you, artists organisations.

info@morethangold.org.uk

**AOB:**

**ACTION – Speak to IF re opportunity to get involved in Mabley Green element of Torch Relay day on 21st July.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – FRIDAY 13th July – VENUE – (TBC)**