



DNA Chair & Secretary's report read out by Andrea Carey Fuller

This is DNA's first AGM, after our IGM was held in the grounds of Old Tidemill School and Garden last September.

In October 2016 we set up 5 working groups who have used all of the thoughts, ideas, and opinions from consultation events to start drawing up the Draft policies for the Neighbourhood Plan. The working groups then held their own individual meetings, and we have had about a handful of joint meetings to flesh out these policies further and for each of the groups to look at overlaps between the subject areas of: housing; heritage; health & well-being; local economy & green/open spaces (transport and air pollution issues were subsumed into health and well-being). The draft policies are in the process of being updated before being re-loaded onto our website.

From January to March this year we were really lucky to once again have a set of UCL students from the Urban Planning and Design Team carrying out their own research into part of our Neighbourhood Area, and these are all available on the information section of our website: <https://deptfordaction.org.uk/information/>

In April of this year we put forward a joint bid (along with Voice4Deptford & Deptford People's Project) to the Council for a meanwhile use on the empty legal advice centre at 28 Deptford High Street and unfortunately didn't make it onto the Council's tendering process short-list. Our intention was to have a temporary DNA physical space on the High Street which people could drop into and to house all the DNA materials/information to increase knowledge about the neighbourhood planning process and for people to look at the Neighbourhood Area map and comment on policies, etc

Following the second locality fund we were given before last year's IGM, DNA hasn't received any further funding for our activities and consultation this year. We did make an application to the Deptford Challenge Trust but were unsuccessful. We intend to fundraise to help us to continue to raise awareness about Neighbourhood Planning and the Deptford Neighbourhood Plan over the next 12 months leading into the Plan going to public referendum.

In the meantime, DNA will be setting up an exhibition to show the draft policies and the UCL students work. We are also attending as many community events/meetings as possible to raise awareness of and encourage support for the Deptford Neighbourhood Plan. Community events such as: the local Assembly meetings; Lewisham Green Spaces Forum; Lewisham Health and Well-being Board; Voice4Deptford; Deptford Folk; GLA consultation events; LBL Homeless Forum; Lewisham People's Day etc....

Over the last year we have been supporting and highlighting various campaigns: two campaigns to save open spaces: i) Old Tidemill Wildlife Garden has been under threat of a planning application for the past year and has a lot of community support behind it, and linked to this is also the need to save the social housing on the site: Reginald House – 16 social homes (13 social housing residents and 3 leaseholders) 15 out of 16 residents want to remain in their own homes – only one has said they don't mind moving.

ii) The Ball Park which is on the corner of Edward Street/Arklow Rd. This football park is used daily by local children and the church next door for community events. DNA set up a community



meeting at the end of July to get local people's views and the over-whelming majority want to see this space saved as a community open/play space.

There are also other campaigns we are supporting such as Saving the walk-in clinic at the Waldron Centre, and also supporting the campaign by Creekside local house-boat owners from being forced to move under the pressure of proposed development.

DNA is creating a community engagement group to which anyone is welcome to play a part in.

We would welcome more volunteers on our working groups, steering group, and to assist at events and meetings. If you are interested in helping out in any way please sign up your name and contact information on the DNA Working Group sign up sheets.

Minutes from the AGM – September 2016

Len Duvall – welcomed everyone. He said that DNA's role is to open up conversation across the Deptford area - embracing community groups, and the people who are passionate and who want to influence what is going on – DNA is about this and bringing people today. Everyone can have their say.

Thanks to Vanessa for all the well produced information (on display in Deptford Lounge at this time) – getting the conversation going.

Opportunity to see that.

Apologies – Sue Lawes

Andrea Carey Fuller (ACF) thanked Len for chairing and his support for the Neighbourhood |Forum.

Those present approved minutes and notes from last year's meeting.

On-going work includes sayes court, convoys wharf – DNA supporting people behind all those positive initiatives.

Malcolm Cadman MC – Civic Makers Cooperative space to get some small businesses and apprenticeships and training going.

ACF: Trying to keep up all the objectives of DNA.

Len : Any Q's financial report.

Tunde – money from Lewisham?

Andrea Hughes (AH)– No They get a separate grant money to collaborate with us but they don't transfer any of it to us.



Heather Gilmore (HG) – Do you think it is possible to get any of it?

Tunde from my knowledge of NP – supposed to give you whatever is reasonable that you need – e.g. printing materials.

Vanessa Celosse VC – Asked for costs of printing – they said no.

Joe Dromey (JD) – Local Assembly – have some grants funding for local community groups. No core funding for non-specific projects.

Funding round opens very soon – Nov/Dec – 1-2K apply for Evelyn , New Cross or Brockley – specific project – which could be a specific deliverable.

All details on local website.

Vanessa Celosse – Competitive bid no guarantee you would get the money.

JD – Get people to come along and vote for bids.

Luciana – local co-ordinator of local assembly in Evelyn Ward. Lots of flyers around – not so easy – its how you can get community involvement to get projects forward. There is room for improvement – need a forum we work together for the community in a capacity – help to move forward – strategically. In Local assemblies hard to get any funding from. Lewisham should have more to help communities to get together . I have been working for community for more than 12 years – they are taking taking and this is the best place to live work and study.

Len Duvall We need to explore all other options – keep dialogue open with Lewisham about supporting activities and why it is important to do so. Not just for now but for future years – we are not just here for christmas.

VC – said GLA could help with that.

Len Duvall – DNA too small for funding streams. All Mayoral direction. Mayor his advisers – assembly does scrutiny – concentrate where it hasn't been spent wisely - £46m Garden Bridge gone into nothing. I will go away and think about this more. Quite a supporter of DNA and the work that it is trying to do. Persuade people why they should invest in us. What is the nature of the projects. Core specific projects.

JD – Crowd funding – raised several hundred for xmas tree – again specific projects.

Receive Treasurer's report.

108 Members plus 70 other groups – Tidemill Group with us.

New 33 members.



Len Duvall – shall we adopt target for next AGM – commit ourselves that we aim to generate 200 members.

Achievable and reasonable target to set our selves

AGREED.

ENGAGEMENT – Vanessa – went to the Council and had a discussion came to a conclusion that going to Referendum May 2018 elections would not be possible.

Timetable has moved on:

Looking now to discuss a reasonable timetable:

Issue about our outreach and doing better outreach – developing a better understanding of what our Neighbourhood is and what it can achieve. Make information understandable. When we get to the NP v technical document which will be in planner speak – but we need to be accessible.

Q – Do you have a campaign strategy – getting branding/ getting representatives – so important to get the message out and so people know what we are doing.

VC – this is an organic process – if we don't broaden our strategy risk people not understanding our goal.

Need a dedicated communication officer/strategy.

Draft policies – enough to work with – now communication strategy to get the critique.

MC – most NP take 3-5 years to come forward and we are on volunteer power. No payments to anyone who has done the real work. Quite technical and part of planning law eventually. If we had started 10 years ago – it wouldn't be so hard as it is now. More people and a wider group of people join in. Complicated to do have to build up resources.

VC – really relevant discussion.

Joyce Jacca JJ – I don't think it is hard to do – community development levels. Not ready yet as haven't fully consulted. (e.g. parent and harder to reach community). You need to make sure there are representatives from Evelyn – we are one community. At the end it is going to happen but we want you to come with us on that journey.

VC absolutely couldn't agree more – wonderful opportunities this year. Issues coming up – on estate regeneration – can have some influence prior to re-generation happening on estates in the area.

We need a dedicated person on community and strategy.

JJ – you have to put in to get out. If you really want it you have to persevere.



Andrea Hughes – encouraging people to come forward – we are in negotiations for some space on Deptford High Street. - A lot of work in the last year to get the policies in an understandable way.

Community space for a short term to engage with people on the High street.

VC – Project working with Co-Pepys – possible – point that Joyce makes is that there are a lot of people out there with professional skills/life experience that are happy to help us. DNA to take that experience and to bridge a gap in the NP. Whilst we had a v ambitious timetable – it is not set now and is fairly open – should have a v clear goal next year – communication strategy/ reaching out. Deptford extremely welcoming for people who want to do things and a wonderful place to work in. Opportunities despite differences around Developments – when bigger brownfield site Develops come on board – more opportunity – discrepancies – linear – private sector area well maintained – yet Pepys estate area has a different feel – make sure that private sector developments don't have a red line.

Tunde – just going to touch on points – resourcing issues – Tunde RTPI offering their help. Lots of resources – communications and harder to reach groups – obligations LBL have to assist you:

Service Level agreements with LBL – whole strategy with hard to reach groups – please can you give us this as a courtesy – piggy back on the work they have done and not have to do some much head scratching on how you are going to do that.

DCLG – Money - £9K? - is this the same as the Locality grant?

VC – High St – 2 wards - half New Cross and half Evelyn Ward.

Telegraph road – old Town Hall.

Double population in Evelyn Ward alone by 2020.

Tunde also eligible to get a technical support grant.

AH – Had all the money – from Localities – Might be able to apply for new monies.

JJ – don't have hard to reach groups – we know all the groups. What it is is us talking and going there. That's why DNA will do a roadshow – e.g. Somali Groups and parents groups etc – but getting it right across from Deptford Creek to Silwood – Silwood often left out.

Tunde – point was that LBL have to do this and DNA could piggy back on them

VC – what we need to discuss helpful new people coming to the meeting. We have individuals who can help us get into different groups. Problem is the material – Not an issue around intelligence – it's about the nuances of planning language and what it can and can't do. It's about Land Use.

JJ – Can you not get that from LBL?

VC – when we come to the Inspectorate – we could reference that we looked at LBL work around communities and that we have done more.



Roo Angell – Quick point on the communication that people understand – that this is consultation – people can still play a part in it.

VC: One time in your life that you can influence the built environment – comes from NYC – unable to do this there – we can take this to a new group of people – however dense it seems – you can effect a change.

Dave Fleming DF – involved with Convoys etc – density of Deptford – biggest density ward in London. Complained about this. Problem with all Developments in Evelyn Ward. Affordable housing – given to council – and cuts their stock down – Shared Ownership – half rent/buy doesn't help a lot of people in Deptford. Mayor said Affordable Housing this has got to increase – who can afford to go and live on Convoys? 10,000 living on site – school won't benefit existing community.

LD – New communities coming in and old communities – need integration – we want young people to be able to use Convoys – we want a part of this – so not them and us.

VC – We want other people to have that knowledge – and we want other people to take the information you have and to get involved.

DF – I've been here for 25 years. What is happening is divide and rule – 4 tenants associations – 1400 flats – nothing for the whole community. History of Convoys back to 12th century – we want a museum built in Queen Building in Convoys – for local people to recognise deptford. People feeling that what they say doesn't make a difference. Super Cycle Highway consultation in library here – problem if people can't drive into the High Street. Cycles going onto the pavement – Evelyn Street – never a problem for cyclists. What is wrong today used to go out consultation with local community land coming in with a plan now so already decided.

MC – despite the issues that we have come across with the policies – private developer led market. 80% investor homes – our issue is how can we make sure that people live where they have bought. YP in future – can't get any access to it. Trying to Grapple with that problem. We would like to see more council housing built directly – all these issues we have to try to address – in a market driven economy big issue.

HG – People realising that Developments that have happened – real optimum time for people to emotionally engage with what is happening in our area. WE didn't know before – then you see the monster that appears in the sky. So think it is a really good time. I think that we say that 6 months left owner forced to rent to someone on council waiting list. Islington doing this.

LD – Key issue working towards Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – better understanding of what it can achieve – it does take time – and we do need to accelerate it – how are we going to reach out and how are going to do it. Volunteers, ride on back of LBL – commit ourselves to a meeting about the community strategy and how to we get the plain English bit in the gobbledy goop – get this together in the commitment – a matter of emergency – early in the New year bring people back together on this – what the Council is doing and who is doing what to get this together. Memorandum of understanding with the Council. Is this a good plan of where we are at this stage – to reach out awareness of this.



Woman - January – meeting – bring ideas -
LD – said start a base document.

DF – No facility on Convoys – want to build a bridge into the wildlife area. LBL Resource centre almost closed. Co-op Pepys under threat. Petition has to be recognised – community and a lot of people.

LD – We need to look at some accelerators now as community infrastructure and if we want to influence re-generation.

AH – Thinks that it is good to have an achievable target of next AGM of saying LBL to look at the Neighbourhood Plan and marshalled all our evidence – conversations with wide variety of people and evidence – statistics and reports and things that the council can give us – national reports etc – much more complicated. Set a date for September/October.

HG – disagrees – thinks that Summer is better time – events/festivals door-knocking etc.

LD – phrase called think big but act small. By your next AGM have something – but doesn't stop you going out there and talking – how quickly do you get to where you are now. It's moving fast the Council are not stopping – important diversion – e.g. Tidemill – lot of time fundamental to what you are trying to achieve and preserve – density issue goes to the heart of this – need good infrastructure if you are increasing density. Have to talk land reach out land keep moving forward.

Woman – proposal – will include an events proposal – it will get really well documented – so that will start happening anyway.

JJ – agree with what you are saying – start getting your dates in now – meet and greet – chat etc. Consultation, consultation across the board – tell the story again – what it is you are doing and why it is important that they are involved.

VC – last time slightly reactive – need to expand to TRA meetings – so reassuring to hear people's voices here about strategy and what we are producing.

DF – S106/CIL - £100m – unspent money – Councils not spending because they don't want to maintain. What is going to be put back into the local community. Have competitions – money split up not of great benefit.

LBL £CIL not spent.

ACF – 25% once have a NP.

LD agreed that if ever there was an incentive – this is it – get people together.

Woman – lived here a year and half – Approaching all the different organisations and asking people to join us.

LD – think this has been done – but revisiting it as there are some gaps.



VC – agreed – package of information which is really digestible – something for them to understand what DNA’s is all about.

LD – good ideas and clarity on that.

DF – John Miller used to have meetings in Deptford to say what they had agreed with the Developer not now. Given information too late. Used to be March and September. Going for full planning permission January 2018. Committees – total Labour take advice behind closed doors. Objections 5 minute each. Come over with a petition and they have to take notice of it.

LD – election of Officers.

Paul Clayton – said it should be people who only live in the area.

MC - not be just people who live in the area. TA possible. People who come and travel into Deptford contribute v valuable work.

JJ – have to have a majority of people who live in the ward. Don’t mind people from outside who live there.

LD – Looking down list only one of the officers lived outside the area. The majority of people live in the area – designated the project.

VC – Called DNA Action – would agree about percentage – there is an issue – work and volunteers in Deptford – put a lot of my own time and energy and one person who is priced out of Deptford – trying to move to the area. These are cross- cutting issues – sense of life experience and if you define it too narrowly – having a percentage deals with this.

LD – People want to see majority of people coming from area. People will take it on each merit.

AH – Willing to stand down when another candidate comes forward – will come forward if there are no more nominations. - Majority vote received for Chair

MC – seconded.

Vice-Chair – Heather G

AH – seconded

any other nominations?

Heather – Majority vote received for Vice-Chair

Secretary – ACF prepared to continue to do this, has volunteered in the Area since 2014, although doesn’t live in the area – happy to stand down if someone else local would like to take on the role.

Richard Katona seconded – Majority Vote for Secretary/Co-ordinator

Luciana – Co-oPepys – Treasurer role – local artist who helped with consultation events -



Vanessa seconded. Majority vote received for Treasurer.

Hermione for – Media/Communications role Officer – seconded by Andrea H – majority vote agreed.

IT/Database communications.

Jake Cingel – internal and external communications

Hermione – have one post – 5 neat – and work out with John Walker.

Committee members – up to 15:

We can have another 10 more people to volunteer to come onto the committee:

VC We leave some open:

LD – look across the spread of the wards

You've given up your time and we've had no more nominations and we also need skills:

If we get more than 7 now – we'll have a reserve list:

Steering committee – Vanessa Celosse, Roo Angell, Andy Belfield, Richard Katona, Joyce Jacca.

MC – active supporter but can't be on the committee too many commitments

LD – got 5 today and we have 5 gaps to co-opt people after.

AOB

ACF – put forward the DNA values -

LD – agree to circulate it amongst members -

JJ – good what we've got in there – need re-phrasing. - plain english – disabilities

Circulate ask comments - 1st thing back on the steering group to agree.

Luciana – Co-Pepys – using Grenfell tragedy – they are in breach of their own fire policies

Hilary Barber – didn't run the meeting v well. Wrote letter of complaint – and to Councillors – no answers to date. Waiting for what is going to happen next.

LD – Len said DNA are doing things. Keep us informed.

Thank you for giving up your time for this morning. Open and responsive to those ideas and flexible in some ways. We know what the mission and what is at stake if we don't get it right. The reaching out to the formal and informal groups – one fight and a fight about the future.



DNA AGM 2017 minutes

ACF: We are not anti-development – we would like more housing to meet community need.

Amanda what can the NF do which pushes people in a positive direction.

Look at keeping what is there and how best to re-inforce what is there.

In-fill – can improve the quality of the estate and the green spaces.

Islington – has a good programme of infills – up social housing.

Newham council is doing a lot – using Council land.

Garages/car parking spaces.

Garages can't be used for storage – ways at looking at increasing housing.

AH Flagship development at Lady well. - already done the pilot project.

ACF – put other homes behind the Ladywell site.

Look at high level stuff

Design codes – new developments in support of principles DNA

END OF AGM