

Congratulations

CPCG members Milkwood Road Residents Association have shared the honours in the award of a Green Flag to the Community Park adjacent to their community centre. The park has been landscaped and now offers a range of facilities for all age groups and interests, including a children's playground. Well done!

Meetings Programme

- 3 October 06 Policing Terrorism.**
- Lambeth Town Hall** This meeting responds to a request sent to all CPCGs from the MPA to engage the community in the debate.
- 31 October 06 CPCG Annual General Meeting**
- Stockwell Resource Centre**
- 7 November 06 Fear of Crime.**
- Clapham** In some parts of our community, the unjustified fear of crime is more damaging than crime itself, whilst in others fear is justified and amplifies the debility which crime engenders. This session will attempt to discern what it is that people fear, how justified are their fears and what are the drivers of fear, distinguishing the extent to which these aspects differ on the basis of location, ethnicity, gender, age etc. We shall seek contributions from the police, the LA, the media and voluntary agencies.
- 5 December 06 Arresting Matters.**
- Waterloo** This meeting will be devoted to relating to arrest and what follows. It will be an opportunity for the police to update us on recent changes (eg to what constitutes 'arrestable', the alternatives of fixed penalty notices, drug referral schemes, DNA sampling etc), for the MPA/MPS to describe their strategy for custody and for the Independent Custody Visitors to give an independent input on their routine experiences, especially in respect of people with Mental Health problems.
- 9 January 07 (provisional)**
Lambeth Safety Partnership
- Lambeth Town Hall** An update on progress with the 2005-8 Community Safety Strategy, the borough's Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy, CCTV Strategy and related matters.
- (note date)**

It is sometimes necessary to vary the programme, or venues, to respond to events. Members will be informed directly and details will be posted on the website (www.lambethcpcg.org.uk)

We shall roll forward the programme forward by one month, each month. If members have any topics they would wish to see addressed, please contact the office. Current suggestions include Restorative Justice and Policing Drugs.

Lambeth Community Safety Summit

CPCG is working with the Safer Lambeth Partnership to stage a one-day conference, probably in April or May next year. This will most likely be at a weekend to facilitate attendance and will be an opportunity for the community and agencies not only to review progress but also to kick off the process for the production of the next Community Safety Strategy.

CPCG – Safer Lambeth Partnership (SLP¹)

Progress has been made over the summer in developing proposals for setting this relationship on a more formal basis. Staging points have been:

Jan 06: CPCG gives presentation of proposal to SLP Board

May 06: CPCG presents paper to CPCG Board, which agrees in principle to proposals, subject to details being worked up and MPA commitment to continue funding and releasing balance of 2006/7 funding.

June 06: Meeting between MPA and Lambeth Borough Council to firm up expectations from CPCG

July 06: Position paper from Simon Harding (LBL Asst Director of Community Safety)

Aug 06: CPCG response paper.

At the time of writing, there is now agreement between LBL Community Safety and CPCG regarding the future development of CPCG to meet SLP's expectations. We await the MPA's view, but indications are that it will be favourable.

Key elements of the proposals are:

- CPCG will build on its track record to develop further its accessibility and representation across the borough;
- CPCG should routinely provide SLP with opportunities for engagement and consultation, for example in its programme of monthly events;

¹ The Safer Lambeth Partnership (also known as the Crime and Disorder Partnership) brings together the police, Lambeth Borough Council, the Primary Care Trust, the Probation Service, the Prison Service and other statutory agencies to address community safety issues in the borough. CPCG is represented on the SLP Board by its Chair. The Safer Lambeth Partnership is a part of the Lambeth Strategic Partnership.

- CPCG will actively engage in the development of the next Community Safety Strategy (see Community Safety Summit, above)
- CPCG will formalise its relationship with Safer Neighbourhoods. Specifically, CPCG will invite all Safer Neighbourhood Panels (SNPs) to become members of CPCG, with a Board place reserved for SNPs (the Board will be seeking membership support to change our rules and regulations at the AGM in October to accommodate this proposal). More generally, CPCG will support SNP's (within the limits of its resources) with practical support for example with publicity or the dissemination of information.
- CPCG will develop community scrutiny activity around specific areas of SLP's activity, mirroring previous experience around policing, for example with Mental Health of Stop and Search.

Funding

The MPA has released to CPCG just one quarter of this year's funding, from an allocation of £50k for 2006/7.

Fortuitously, CPCG ended 2005/6 with a healthy balance of just under £14k.²

Of this, approximately £6k was an overpayment by the MPA in 2005/6 (which we prudently had not spent) and £4k provision for web site development, which we pulled at the end of the financial year for lack of satisfactory progress but also because of uncertainties in funding for 2006/7.

At the end of August 06, our funds were such that we can remain solvent until January 07. For that reason, it is important that we resolve the issue of the balance of funding with the MPA quickly. In the (now likely) event that this is resolved, the forecast for the year end is that we will end the year with what the Board considers to be a minimal level of reserves.

Brixton Town Centre 'Safer Neighbourhood'

It has been agreed that Brixton Town Centre will be treated as a Safer Neighbourhood with it's own Safer Neighbourhood Panel, which will work with the Town Centre Policing team in much the same way as in other Safer Neighbourhoods.

The proposal is that the initial panel will be drawn equally from meetings organised by the Town Centre Working Group of Brixton Area Forum and from the Business Forum and that the panel will also have an observer from CPCG, given the historic involvement of CPCG in Brixton issues. The panel will be charged with using the two Forums as public platforms for their work, but also with developing their accessibility and representation.

² Full accounts for 2005/6 will be presented to the AGM in October.

The public meeting of the Town Centre of Brixton Area Forum which will select its panel members will be on Monday 11 September at 7:00pm in Room 125.

Jean Charles de Menezes

A public meeting was held on 20 July, in response to the Crown Prosecution Service announcement on 17 July. Regrettably, the CPS declined to attend, but Nick Hardwick (Chair IPCC) and Commander Rose Fitzpatrick (MPS) did. A Q&A sheet from the meeting has been compiled and is available from the office and will be posted on the website.

Vacancy



Lambeth Crime Prevention Trust is an independent charity that works to develop crime reduction initiatives across the London borough of Lambeth. We work in partnership with the police, local authority, other statutory agencies and the voluntary sector.

Lambeth Domestic Violence Trainer

Salary: £29,715 per annum plus 6% pension. This post is available from the middle of October 2006 until the end of March 2007 and a secondment arrangement would be acceptable.

The purpose of the DV Trainer post is to develop and implement a domestic violence training programme to the voluntary, community and statutory sectors in the borough of Lambeth and to oversee a programme to increase awareness of domestic violence in the borough.

For further information and an email application form, please contact:

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Closing date for completed applications must be emailed by 5pm on Thursday 21st September 2006 with hard copy posted to us by Monday 25th September 2006 and interviews will be held on the Friday 29th September 2006. CVs will not be accepted.

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