

Future Meetings

7 October 2008: 6:30 pm

Stockwell Resource Centre, Studley Road,
Stockwell

Theme:

Territorial Support Group
Diplomatic Protection Group
British Transport Police

21 October 2008: 6:30 pm

Annual General Meeting

4 November 2008: 6:00 pm

Karibu Centre, 7 Gresham Road,
Brixton

Theme:

Policing and Immigration

Safer Lambeth Partnership (SLP) Community Engagement

Members have been separately of developments following the CPCG Business Meeting in June. For completeness, the draft minutes of the SLP Board on 29 June have now been published in draft, showing the following in respect of this item:

RESOLVED:

- That recognition be given to Ward based Safer Neighbourhood community meetings as the key fora in which views on neighbourhood issues and the Partnership's priorities may be considered.
- That consideration be given to the development of Community Panels in connection with the Neighbourhood Working Group.
- That the Partnership work with Lambeth Community Police Consultative Group (CPCG) in order to develop and enhance their monthly public meeting thereby enabling communities to express views on a range of policing and community safety issues.
- That work be undertaken with the CPCG in looking at how the Partnership could meet current statutory requirements and those arising from the Police Green Paper.
- That the Safer Lambeth Partnership convenes its business meetings within the context of a public meeting on a biannual basis.

The full draft minutes are available at

<http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=464&MIId=5899>

Later on the 29th, a meeting was called by Supt Paul Wilson for Safer Neighbourhood Panels (which Jim Toohill attended for CPCG). The meeting, which was attended by

representatives of around half the Safer Neighbourhood Panels, was briefed by Paul on the outcome of the SLP Board, the proposals in the Governments Green Paper (see below) and also discussed a number of issues relating to communications and Safer Neighbourhood Panels. In addition, the Panel members raised the issue of Safer Neighbourhood Panel representation on the SLP Board.

The CPCG Board shall be meeting with the Partnership to develop further these proposals in respect of CPCGs role and shall report back to members.

Farewells

During recent months, Supt Jonathan Tottman (MPS), John Roberts (MPA Link Member for Lambeth) and Simon Harding (LBL Community Safety) have moved on (or announced their moving on). We plan to appropriately acknowledge their contributions to the borough during the social aspect of our AGM in October, but meanwhile offer them our thanks and best wishes for the future.

Governments Green Paper "From the neighbourhood to the national: policing our communities together".

The Home Office issued this green paper, essentially its response to the Flanagan Report and is for consultation until October. The paper's proposals are summarised as:

Proposals

- A new policing pledge setting out what local people can expect from their local police team - with clear national standards, including the amount of time spent on the beat, easy ways to contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team and clear response times to all calls and incidents.
- A stronger voice for local people - regular information on crime, including crime maps and action being taken to tackle it and regular local meetings to discuss priorities backed by new directly elected Crime and Policing Representatives.
- Setting only one top-down numerical target for the police service to increase public confidence in the police and other agencies to reduce crime.

The paper can be found at:

<http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/police-reform/policegp/>

or hardcopies can be obtained from CPCG office on request. You may wish to respond yourself or communicate your views to the Group office to be included in the Group's response.

Monthly Police Statistical Report

Members have commented on the absence of the monthly statistical police report since April. The format of the report is being 'refreshed' and this has taken longer than expected. If you have views on what you would like retained and what new items you would like to see, please let the CPCG office know.

Lambeth Country Show

CPCG's 'big tent' had its second outing to this year's Lambeth Country Show in July. Over the weekend, the tent was used to show films, engage with local residents (including a rerun of our pebble-poll) and staged two 'face the people' sessions. Southwark CPCG also had a presence in the tent.

The Saturday session was given over mainly to politicians and the panel was Cllr Donatus Anyanwu, Cllr Steve Bradley, Cllr Graham Pycock and June Pilgrim (Director, Lambeth Women's Aid). The discussion ranged far and wide, even attempting to answer the question "what is a crime?".

On Sunday, the panel was made of the chief officers of the three main players in the Safer Lambeth Partnership (Derek Anderson as Chief Executive of Lambeth Council, Caroline Hewitt as Chair of the Primary Care Trust and Chief Supt Sharon Rowe for the MPS) together with Lloyd Leon, CPCG member and former mayor of Lambeth. Notable in the debate was the commitment from Derek Anderson to learn the lessons around Youth Provision in the borough, the majority on the Panel who saw alcohol or tobacco as more damaging than drugs, in the broadest sense, and the majority of the tent who felt less safe in Lambeth now than they did five years ago.

We're very grateful to everyone who helped with the tent and especially to the panel members for the 'face the people' sessions who helped demonstrate that engagement need not be dull or restricted to drafty community halls on dark evenings.

Meetings Attended over the Summer

June 12	Attended a community event in Vauxhall today organised by All Nations Centre (Church) in Kennington. Paul Andell
June 12	Attended briefing at New Scotland Yard on the role of the Coroner's Court, by the Deputy Coroner for West London – Jim Toohill
June 23	Meeting with Supts Alistair Sutherland and Paul Wilson to discuss legal advice on 'Stop and Snap'

July 7th	Monthly meeting between Chair and Borough Commander.
July 8th	Chair attended MPA Domestic Violence Committee to present Lambeth CPCG report into the use by the police of Form 124D.
July 9th	Board members attended Croydon CPCG AGM at Croydon Town Hall.
July 24th	Chair attended the Commissioners Meeting with London-wide CPCG CHairs at Central Hall Westminster
29th July	Chair attended Lambeth CDRP at Brixton Town Hall
14 August	Chair and Hon Comptroller on visit to Lambeth Summer Projects with Commander Rod Jarman
19 August	Meeting with Borough Commander and Supt Sutherland on 'Stop and Snap' – Board members
22nd August	Gold Group on Death in Custody (Anna Tapsell and Lloyd Leon)
29th August	Chair and Vice Chair attended meeting at IPCC on the Chancellors Ford shooting
29th August	Chair and members of Board attend meeting with Borough Commander, Chief Supt TSG and other senior officers on events outside the Oval on 25th August.

MPA New Independent Members

The MPA has announced its new Independent Members who will start their four year terms in October this year. Details of the full MPA membership, independent, elected and Home Secretary's appointee, can be found on www.mpa.gov.uk. New borough link member roles have not yet been assigned.

Christopher Boothman

Independent Member

Chris Boothman initially worked in London as a youth and hostel worker while studying various martial arts and law. After qualifying as a solicitor in a specialist criminal law practice he later moved on to work for a number of London councils as

a local government lawyer. From 1992 to 2002 he was director of Legal Services at the Commission for Racial Equality and then head of Legal Services at the Standards Board for England from 2002 to 2007. During 2007 he set up a consultancy called Dynamic Leadership Solutions.

His extensive voluntary work over the last 25 years includes being a former council member of the Law Society for England & Wales, company secretary of the London Notting Hill Carnival and a committee member of the Trinidad and Tobago Professionals Network UK.

Valerie Brasse

Independent Member

Until July 2007 Valerie Brasse was secretary/adviser to the Cumberlege Commission, established by the Catholic Church to review its safeguarding arrangements for children and vulnerable adults. She has since been appointed a lay member of the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission. She is also a non-executive board member of the new Independent Safeguarding Authority.

Previously she worked for nearly 20 years in the civil service in a number of senior posts dealing with health and social care (eg as an adviser to the Victoria Climbié child abuse inquiry). She was a magistrate for fifteen years until 2002.

Clive Lawton

Independent Member

Clive Lawton is a senior consultant to Limmud, a Jewish adult education movement and a freelance management and educational consultant. He is also a broadcaster, writer and lecturer as well as scholar in residence at the London Jewish Cultural Centre.

His interest in policing issues has developed from serving on the Home Office Police Modernisation Committee as a representative of the Home Secretary's Race Equality Advisory Panel. He has also worked as a consultant for Centrex, the national police training organisation. He is a magistrate on the Haringey Bench and has in the past been Chair of the North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust.

Deborah Regal

Independent Member

With a professional background in sales, in particular in the banking industry, Deborah Regal is currently vice president of sales at FXMarketSpace.

Deborah is a board member for a charitable theatre company, the Government Relations Advisor to the Pro Bono Programme at BPP Law School, and in the past she has been an Independent Custody Visitor in Havering and Redbridge. She has given StreetLaw presentations to the local community's resettlement programmes in

secure housing and prisons and has taken part in various youth projects, engaging with primary school children through to young people of school leaving age. She frequently travels to the Middle East and she has a strong interest in interfaith relations.

Graham Speed

Independent Member

Graham Speed is a chartered surveyor in private practice whose work involves property asset management. Graham is involved in a significant amount of voluntary work and was a Councillor between 1990 and 1998.

His current work includes being chair of a borough Community Police Consultative Group, vice chair of an Independent Advisory Group, member of the British Transport Police Independent Advisory Network, member of a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and member of a Safer Neighbourhoods team ward panel.

Neil Johnson

Independent Member

Neil Johnson has been part of the Metropolitan Police senior officer mentoring scheme for five years, in partnership with London First. He is currently chairman of Motability Finance Ltd. For the past ten years he has chaired a variety of public and private companies.

He was HM Representative Deputy Lieutenant for the City of Westminster for fourteen years until 2007, and also served for five years as a member of the Prime Minister's Advisory Panel for the Citizen's Charter.