

Future Meetings**6 January 2008: 6:00 pm**

Theme:

Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall
Brixton SW2Terrorism/Diplomatic OCU
[Jean Charles de Menezes
Inquest]**3 February 2009: 6:30 pm**

Theme:

St John's Church
Waterloo Road SE1

TBC

3 March 2009: 6:00 pm

Theme:

Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall
Brixton SW2

TBC

Caroline Pidgeon – Metropolitan Police Authority Link Member for Lambeth

Caroline Pidgeon, a Southwark Liberal Democrat Councillor and Greater London Assembly member, has been appointed as the MPA's link member for Lambeth.

Ms Pidgeon, a Councillor since 1998, was Deputy Leader of Southwark Council (2002-4), and Executive Member for Children's Services and Education (2004-8). In addition to work at the Town Hall, she was a Director of Southwark Energy Agency from 1998 until 2001 and a board member of Aylesbury New Deal for Communities 2002 to 2004. She has been a Board Member of Lambeth and Southwark Housing Association since May 2002 and a Trustee of the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education since 2005. Previously, she had worked in local government and the health service for over a decade before becoming a full time politician.

While Ms Pidgeon will, like her predecessor John Roberts, continue to attend Safer Lambeth Partnership meetings, she has informed the Lambeth Community-Police Consultative Group that she will, in part due to revised guidance concerning the role of link members, only attend Group meetings very occasionally.

Anti-Social Behaviour – Supportative Interventions

Following enquiries regarding Anti-Social Behaviour, Ann Corbett, LBL Head of Community Safety, has set out a range of supportive interventions which can be used to engage individuals in changing their behaviour and help them to tackle some of the underlying problems leading to ASB.

Some of these include:

Agreements and Contracts

This covers a range of formal non-legal agreements, contracts and warnings. Examples include acceptable behaviour contracts or agreements (ABCs or ABAs), ensuring tenancy agreements cover ASB issues and parenting contracts.

Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs)

An acceptable behaviour contract (ABC), also known as an acceptable behaviour agreement, is an intervention designed to engage the individual in recognising their behaviour and its negative effects on others, in order to stop the offending behaviour.

An ABC is a written agreement between an anti-social behaviour perpetrator and their local authority, Youth Inclusion Support Panel, landlord or the police.

ABCs are usually used for young people but can also be used for adults.

The ABC consists of a list of anti-social acts that the offender agrees not to continue and outlines the consequences if the contract is breached.

Contracts usually last for six months but can be renewed if both parties agree.

ABCs are not legally binding, but can be cited in court as evidence in ASBO applications or in eviction or possession proceedings.

Individual Support Orders (ISOs)

ISOs are court orders for 10-17 year olds which impose positive conditions designed to tackle the underlying causes of a young person's anti-social behaviour. Arranged through Youth Offending Services

Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs)

Anti-social behaviour orders (ASBOs) are court orders which prohibit the perpetrator from specific anti-social behaviours.

The conditions of an ASBO can ban an offender from:

- continuing the offending behaviour
- spending time with a particular group of friends
- visiting certain areas

ASBOs are issued for a minimum of two years.

An ASBO is a civil order, not a criminal penalty – this means it will not appear on an individual's criminal record. However, a breach of an ASBO is a criminal offence punishable by a fine or a custodial sentence in some cases.

Lambeth Community Forums

A number of Group members attend the recent Community Forums that took place last month such as the Brixton Town Centre Forum AGM on 25 November at the Karibu Centre, Brixton SW9 and the Streatham Community Forum at Woodlawn, Leigham Court Road SW16 on 20 November.

The Brixton Town Centre Forum is an independent forum which will be a focal point for people living, working and using the centre of Brixton. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Town Centre Forum or wish to stand for election to become an officer, please inform the current Secretary, either by email on brixtontowncentreforum@mybrixton.org. The currently available officer positions are Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Secretary.

The Streatham Community Forum met to impart information about what was currently going on in Streatham and discuss what they would like their Forum to be, how should it work and who should be involved. For further information please contact Robert Doyle on 0208 674 0459

Territorial Support Group – Open Day

On Saturday, 22 November, Area Territorial Support Group (TSG) held an Open Day between 10.30 a.m. and 3.00 p. m.

The Open Day included talks on policing chemical, biological, radioactive, nuclear (CBRN) incidents, the use of Taser and a tour of around the TSG facilities. This was a unique opportunity for the communities of Lambeth and beyond to learn about how the TSG respond to critical and major incidents beyond local control, tackle serious crime issues and act as a strategic reserve for public disorder.

CommunitySafe Business Cascade Group (BCG) - CommunitySafe.gov.uk

You are probably familiar with communitysafe.gov.uk, a joint initiative with the Metropolitan Police and Local Authorities across London providing Police Alerts and Community Safety updates via email, website and optional SMS.

We have frequently been asked by businesses to provide a cascade facility which would allow them to automatically cascade any Alert message from CommunitySafe out to their key staff without having to get each individual staff member to register on the system.

What does it do?

Business Cascade Group allows you to create and centrally manage a contacts list who will automatically receive CommunitySafe alerts from your chosen CommunitySafe groups. It allows you to centrally manage your own list of recipients across any of the current and future CommunitySafe Alert groups and automatically cascade these messages to your list without having to worry about manually passing these messages on.

Why do I need it?

Setting up your own BCG cascade list puts you in control of your own organisation list saving you time and frustration in trying to get people to sign up, and ensuring that the right messages gets automatically cascaded to the right people.

How do I get it?

Click the link below to for my information including ordering details

<http://www.communitysafe.gov.uk/bcg>

Stockwell Protest

On 29 November, performance/protest artist Mark McGowan conducted a stylised re-enactment at Stockwell Underground Station of the death of Jean Charles de Menezes, shot dead on 22 July 2005 after mistakenly being identified by police as one of the 21/7 suicide bombers. The performance took place on the street outside the Underground Station and attracted a small audience and a few media. MPS and British Transport Police officers were present to ensure that the protest was conducted in an orderly fashion and the event passed peacefully.

Vote for Lambeth Parks

The following link is for the Mayor's Parks award for which Lambeth have two in the running.

10 winners from 47 parks will receive £400k each so please vote for one or the other as it will make a huge difference to what can be achieved in what are already two very poor areas.

Spring Gardens is situated in between the Vauxhall Gardens Estate, Vauxhall City Farm and Vauxhall transport interchange. Kennington Park is in the heart of Oval and hosts numerous community festivals throughout the year and sports activities.

Don't forget to vote and send this round to all your friends, colleagues and neighbours – Everyone in London can vote for this.

<http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/News/271108VoteNowToHelpLambethParkWin400ThousandPounds.htm>

Votes for Brian Paddick?

Former MPS Borough Commander of Lambeth Brian Paddick has been voted off 'I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!' after 'spending his final night behind bars with 40 rats, cockroaches and other creatures'. Giving his reasons for taking part in the popular 'reality show', Mr Paddick said: "For a long time I've been doing serious stuff. Thirty years in the police and running for mayor. It's all bad news that they want me to comment on. So I thought why not come and do something trivial."

Meetings Attended over the Autumn

7 November

Anna Tapsell attended a Gold Group in relation to a 32 year-old man who had fallen from a third floor window as police from Sutton sought entry to a property in Streatham. After interviewing witnesses, the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) decided not to take any further action as there was no physical contact between the police and the man concerned and they were satisfied that the police had acted properly. However, the IPCC have been asked to attend a Group meeting to provide updates on other incidents that have occurred in Lambeth since the summer, which are a cause for concern.

17 November

Paul Andell attended a pilot mediation session between Lambeth police on behalf of the TSG and members of the community, the session had positive outcomes.

24 November

Paul Andell, Lloyd Leon and Jane Warwick attended a Gold Group in relation to the death of Sean Rigg.

26 November

Jim Toohill and Sandra Moodie met with the Senior Investigator and IPCC Commissioner overseeing the investigation into the death of Sean Rigg.