

## **Funding**

As presaged at our February meeting, the MPA's Community Engagement Community approved their officers' recommendation to grant LCPCG funding for 2005/6 and modestly in excess of funding applied for. MPA are eager to settle the issue of who employs independent CPCG's staff, and have made this a condition of funding (the 'mandatory item' on last month's handout). We are also eager to settle the issue, subject to the risks and liabilities to the Group being properly handled and the Administrator's employment rights respected. Members will be kept informed, by appropriate means, of progress.

## **Meetings**

Lee Jasper (Chairperson), Wesley Walters-Stephenson and Rev. Canon Ivelaw Bowman held meetings with the borough police and Community Safety Team, and others (including representatives from West Norwood SOS campaign), in respect of gun crime and gangs. The Chairperson attended a Quarterly meeting of the Crime and Disorder Partnership Board, which focused on taking the Community Safety Strategy Forward, and a resume of the minutes will be circulated to members when it becomes available.

Lee Jasper also attended a meeting of London wide CPCG chairs with Len Duvall, Chair of the MPA. Key issues were resolving historic tensions between CPCG's and MPA and options for the way forward. It is likely that a different relationship will be in place for 2006/7, though it is still unclear what it will be and whether it shall be uniform across London. Lambeth CPCG has expressed its eagerness to work with MPA to devise a new relationship.

Lambeth's own Stop and Search Monitoring Group (S&SMG) continues to meet and is currently 'drilling-down' in Stops and Searches in relation to Property Crime, in much the same way as previously done with Drugs, as well as working on a draft report. The S&SMG is also feeding comments into the Home's Office's Action Group whilst PA attends the London wide post-MPA Scrutiny, Implementation Group.

Lambeth Youth Council are busy working on a follow up video, directed at explaining Stop and Search to young people. The MPA have provided £5k funding to the work.

Jim Toohill contributed an account of the CPCG to a presentation by Supt Andy Tarrant to Herne Hill Forum.

Lee Jasper and Cheryl Sealey had a substantial involvement with an anti-gun rally held in Windrush Square on 26 February.

Lambeth CPCG, (and half of Lambeth!), was well represented at Southwark Cathedral for IB's installation as Honorary Canon on 6 February 2005.

## **Survey**

A questionnaire survey of over 400 local organisations has been distributed, with Lambeth CEN's generous assistance, to establish how satisfied they are with current consultative mechanisms, what they know of/think of CPCG, and how we might support them. CPCG has acquired a Freepost Business response licence to assist with this which will doubtless find other useful applications eg postal voting.

This will be followed, at the year end, by a survey of our membership.

## Newsletter

It is proposed that the newsletter (Lambeth Talk) should be produced quarterly, but run to at least 8 pages (to get best return from distribution costs). The next issue will cover April – June, and will be produced mid-April. Topics slated so far are:

Policing Plan  
Stop and Search  
Domestic Violence

If you have suggestions for inclusion, please let the Office know. They may be substantive items, or calls for volunteers, notice of meetings etc.

## Children out of School

Councillor Anthony Bottrall has responded positively to John Wainwright's paper and has agreed for a joint group to take this forward. Copies of his response, which includes a brief report and statistical information, are available. If you would like to be involved in this work, please contact the Office.

## 1996/7 Policing Plan

Recruitment is underway for participants to the MPS's 2005 online consultation in preparation for the 1996/7 Policing Plan. You can register at:

[http://www.met.police.uk/about/performance/consultation/consult\\_form.htm](http://www.met.police.uk/about/performance/consultation/consult_form.htm)

The consultation runs through three stages, all on-line, and will take place between April and September.

## Future Meetings

5 April, Streatham - Policing Plan, Stop and Search

3 May, Brixton (336) - Safer Neighbourhoods

7 June, Kennington

(*Meetings Line* – we have installed an old answerphone on the Broadband/Fax line which will have a recorded message of up to date information on future meetings - 020 7274 7623)

## Acknowledging Exceptional Contributions to Lambeth CPCG

Group Officers are proposing that means be found to acknowledge individuals who have made exceptional contribution to the Group. It is suggested that:

- we institute an award of (non-voting) Life Membership, marked with a suitable token, which will not conflict with any actual membership the individual may or may not hold;
- that the number of awards each year should be limited;
- that the first awards should be made this autumn, and should reflect contribution over a long period.