

# East Croydon meeting

Monday, 7 October 2014

## MINUTES

	<b>Attendance</b>	
	Chair: Fiona Crowe  Facilitators: Angela Vanegas, Rod Davies, Dawn Edwards, Tomas Howard-Jones, Esther Sutton, Sasha Konechni	
<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	
	About 60 people from the local community, representing both residents and businesses, came together. Names, streets and email addresses were taken for future communications and to establish where interest is coming from.  Fiona explained that the aim of the meeting is to find out what people want to do to improve life in East Croydon	
<b>2</b>	<b>Presentations</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tomas introduced himself and which street he lives – Cedar Road - in and his motivation for being involved with a recent history of local community activity mentioning predecessor similar groups that have made progress in the past.</li><li>• Rod introduced himself and which street he lives – Lebanon Road.</li><li>• Both Rod and Tomas gave their thoughts on local pressures and concerns both current and potential ones due to ongoing construction projects and increased population.</li><li>• Angela introduced herself and which street she lives in – Lebanon Road - and her motivation for being involved mentioning the success of the Big Lunch held in Lebanon Road in June.</li><li>• Angela gave a short presentation on asset based community development which involves: -<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• mapping the local area noting businesses, open space, organisations etc..</li><li>• finding out what people care enough about to act on and what skills they have</li><li>• getting people together with similar interests to act on them.</li></ul></li></ul>	

<b>3</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	
	<p>People at the discussion tables introduced themselves saying why they came. The questions to be discussed were: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “What do we want to do together (that it would be better than doing apart”</li> <li>○ What we should call ourselves</li> <li>○ What should we do next</li> </ul> <p>Points made were written on the flipchart paper.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Feedback</b>	
	<p>Common points that arose at most tables and during the feedback sessions generally related to the following: -</p> <p><b>Clean, tidy well-lit streets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The desire for a clean and tidy East Croydon.</li> <li>• Reduction in and swift resolution of fly-tipping</li> <li>• For fly tipping - report it on the basis that somebody else may not have done and even if they have the more people that report it the more likelihood it should be removed.</li> <li>• Street furniture and paving in the same way as provisioned for Addiscombe.</li> <li>• Street lighting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Traffic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for 20mph speed limit outside schools – register your opinion.</li> <li>• Billinton Road – faded pedestrian crossing, pavement over spillage by Porter and Sorter patrons that means pedestrians and wheelchair users have to walk in the road.</li> <li>• East Croydon over bridge completion.</li> </ul> <p><b>Crime and anti-social behaviour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinforcement of no drinking zone – there was some uncertainty over exactly where this applies.</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Watch.</li> </ul> <p><b>Natural environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More green communal areas.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support local businesses and each other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More support for local businesses by using those shops to buy things or visiting the restaurants in Cherry Orchard Road and Lower Addiscombe Road.</li> <li>• Support each other. Local get togethers such as BBQs, monthly meetings, special interest groups,</li> <li>• Have a community hub where people can go to ask questions</li> <li>• Street parties</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce a welcome pack covering issues such as when bins are emptied, social events, special interest groups</li> </ul> <p><b>Contribute to the planning process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resist unwanted, but encourage positive changes.</li> </ul> <p><b>What we should call ourselves?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voice of East Croydon</li> <li>• East Croydon Homes and Organisations (ECHO)</li> <li>• East Croydon Community Organisation (ECCO)</li> </ul> <p><b>What should we do next?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk around the area and carry out the mapping to see what the issues are and where they are.</li> <li>• Determine what skills we have.</li> <li>• Street Champions was mentioned.</li> <li>• Suggestions for alternative venues bearing in mind the need to be respectful.</li> <li>• See if we can get support from a group who has successfully done what we are trying to do to help us establish our group.</li> <li>• Become a constituted group.</li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Summing up</b>	
	<p>Fiona summed up with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of the main themes.</li> <li>• A vote on name with East Croydon Community Organisation (ECCO) the clear winner.</li> <li>• Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ we will email out to see who wants to be involved in progressing the main themes</li> <li>○ meet in the Oval Tavern on Monday, 10 November</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A big thank you to everybody for coming and the kind donations towards the cost of the hall.</li> </ul>	