

Brixton Neighbourhood Forum

Meeting at Advocacy Academy 05/07/2023 7pm

Present: Alan Piper, Ken Floyde, Lara Samuels, Maria Thacker

Welcome

AP presented a draft of the next LFN Bid application. Discussion followed that essentially agreed the application, but LS felt that it was not in line with current inflation.

Office Space available in central Brixton as follows:

International House, Town Hall – Meanwhile Space, Blue Star House, 3Space.

Lambeth Forum Network must consider the Cost of Living increase.

LS would like the Forum to draw down more money so that we can recreate the Community Chest. She suggested that we consult other forums about their funding streams and KF finds Althea Massey of LJAG very helpful with her experience of fund raising.

We should engage further with Integrate who may have a suggestion for a group like ours to access funds.

106 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies should come our way...

It was noted that W Steadman commented that there were no young black men 18 – 35yrs on the recent community design panel with London Square and Mutual Gain.

LS suggested that a joint forum network could draw down more funds together eg, training, fund raising training...

BMX Club has run a successful crowd funding campaign, perhaps they could guide us on the process. KF mentioned match funding from Brixton Society, Park Infrastructure Levy, Sport England, Awards for All.

We are a constituted group not for profit.

Directory of Grant Making Trusts to be explored for unrestricted funds and small grants.

KF agreed to draft a standard fund raising letter.

AP informed us that the Zurich insurance was recently renewed.

LS highlighted that the website still needs fixing and shared that the LCC were able to help her with her business website at low cost. Perhaps we could approach them after the summer.

LS suggested that WE should bid for more funds from the LFN Admin role should be raised to £15p/h or a day rate of £140p/d.

To bid for a content creator for social media.

AP explained that we are affiliated with Locality, NCVO, Directory of Social Change, and Integrate.

It was suggested that we ride off the success of FFT/Save Nour campaign and aim for a large meeting mid September.

It was noted that we still havnt used the Bugle and should for Brixton Neighbourhood Forum meeting September.

We would like to partner with Advocacy Academy to pass baton to youngsters.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm

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