

GreenWay Community Forum
Monday 14 November 2022
Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 5.50pm and concluded at 7.25pm

1. Present

| Community members | Councillors | Council staff |
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| Alex Lofts | Clr Timothy Stephens (online) | Magda Jansen (GW) |
| Alice Hickey | | Ken Welsh (transport planning) |
| Bronwyn Holland | | |
| Bruce Ashley | | |
| Colin Jones (online) | | |
| Jennifer Kent | | |
| Jo Blackman | | |
| Nick Chapman | | |
| Suzy Carter | | |
| Danielle Capon (online) | | GW = GreenWay |

2. Acknowledgment of Country

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

Introductions

4. Apologies

Mary Osborn

Kendall Banfield (council staff, transport) – *only attends if Ken Welsh can't make it*

Adam Ward (council staff, ecology)

Clr Dylan Griffiths

Clr Mat Howard

Absent:

Timothy Graffen

Jed Finnane

5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

A quorum was achieved.

6. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes formally moved (BA) and accepted (AH). Moved by AL. Carried.

Note: Inner West Council governance advice on when it is appropriate for the forum to comment on DA's or planning proposals, if at all, was outlined. The matter was deferred to the end of the meeting so that Clr Stephens could log out. The advice was tabled and discussed at the end of the meeting. AL (Chair) undertook to send the advice to all community members.

7. Project updates and reports

| Item | Summary | Questions |
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| Ken Welsh | Bicycle strategy on exhibition | NC: bicycle feeding links, does bike strategy go down to this level? KW: no not yet, first strategic corridors, then action plan with feeder trellis. Strategy includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are missing links? 2. strategic corridors 3. problem areas |
| Ken Welsh | Electric Vehicle strategy on exhibition | |
| Ken Welsh | Iron Cove Creek Masterplan on exhibition | |
| Jennifer Kent | JK: connecting Dulwich Hill car park with GreenWay? | KW will follow up with Kurt, the public domain team lead at council (who is working on masterplans for retail centres) |
| Jo Blackman | Jubilee event | JB will send invitation to everyone for second event at footbridge in Hawthorne Reserve, near dog park on 22 Nov |
| Nick Chapman | GreenWay Art Prize event | NC: Discussion and Q&A about active transport took place yesterday, as part of GW art prize JB: combined bird watching and drawing event was successful with 20 people attending, also talk with sustainable and primary school teachers |
| Alice Hickey | AH has put in submission for Dulwich Hill playground designs (Johnson Park and Hoskins Park) | |
| Clr Timothy Stephens | Old Canterbury Road tunnel | Clr TS informed the forum that possibility of Old Canterbury Rd tunnel was kept open at last council meeting, even though funding is not available at the moment |

8. Strategic Planning

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| Terms of Reference | Keep as they are | |
| | AL: can adjust/pursue as working document, or do we just let it go? | <p>BA: tweaks to wording and include ideas from this meeting NC: keep the strategy as working document (don't change Terms of Reference), forum needs this for meeting with council's General Manager</p> <p>Agreed action: AL will redraft and send it around for comment</p> |

9. Items/questions from forum members and community groups

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| Biodiversity plan: Bruce Ashley | <p>Making sure there is an agreed bushcare/vegetation/habitat management working plan for the GreenWay corridor works in place, PRIOR to exhibition of detailed works plans.</p> <p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mechanisms to reduce construction impact strategies to ensure no net habitat loss | <p>Lots of development in corridor and lots of bush care sites: need to work out in detail and in advance to gain as much habitat as possible, also look at maintenance etc. Making sure the construction process is available and counter any issues, maybe need extra funding? JB: some biodiversity study has been completed as part of masterplan.</p> <p>Discussion about who should manage biodiversity plan,</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> commitments to ongoing maintenance post-construction design and management to minimise pathway operational impacts how the pathway will interact with bushcare activities <p>Such a works plan should be on the basis that a tunnel under Old Canterbury Rd is an integral and agreed part of the works providing sufficient funds are available.</p> | <p>either GreenWay Manager, council's Urban Ecology team or GCF working group.</p> <p>Agreed action: JB and BA to compile a one-two page brief and send to MJ to forward to person in council responsible for this.</p> |
| Art Est GreenWay Art Prize, Council Funding: Suzy Carter, Nick Chapman, Jennifer Kent | Concerns re the Council sponsorship of the Greenway Art Show continuing into the future | <p>SC/ND/JK: finished yesterday, venue (tram and bus museum) came with challenges. Need advocacy for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. funding/resourcing 2. more definite venue <p>Organisers are overstretched. Need to look at how much funding/resourcing is needed for next year. Suggestions were corporate funding (challenge is potentially losing council funding in that case) or grants.</p> <p>Agreed action: NC/SC/JK will put briefing together for council (and include letter of appreciation), AL will send this on and add if needed.</p> |
| Street Libraries: Jennifer Kent | I am asking that a concrete square be placed under the one in Johnson Park. | JK: swinging door was fixed within day at Arlington street library. When there is time to spare, council will build a new library for Lewisham West, according to Bronwyn Thuoy (council art). JK still advocating for cement slab. |

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| | <p>Due to constant usage a significant hollow has developed. It fills up quickly when it rains and as it dries out becomes a muddy quagmire.</p> <p>Individual pavers or bricks will be quickly stolen so a concrete square would be the best solution.</p> | <p>BA: suggest using recycled pavers/bricks, as cement is not environmentally sustainable. JK: concerned about vandalism</p> |
| <p>Lord Street Proposal</p> <p>comments: Nick Chapman, Alex Lofts</p> | <p>Last time they put in a DA, we proposed the following enhancements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - traffic calming, parking rationalisation (e.g. introducing some angle parking) and landscaping of Lords Rd - stormwater improvements (including water sensitive urban design) in the vicinity of the tunnel (which always floods) - establishment of a separated walking/cycle link (or significantly wider footpath) from Foster St lights to the Hawthorne Canal tunnel/mural - publicly accessible pedestrian links through the development from Lords Rd to Lambert Park - a new North/South pedestrian link to connect Lords Rd to Marion Street, running along the edge of the development on the eastern side of the light rail embankment. This may have to be on Sydney Trains land, which would slow things down a lot | <p>TABLED with reply from council:</p> <p>not possible under Terms of Reference of the GCF to comment as forum before or after public exhibition. Once public, individuals can comment.</p> |

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| | - a sizeable community space at ground level in the development. | |
| Tree clearing in the light rail corridor (Transdev) update: Bronwyn Holland | Transdev Sydney Light Rail issued a permit to Sydney Trains who engaged a contractor to conduct some works on their behalf at this location. Transdev are currently working with Sydney Trains to review the completion standards of these works. Once this review is completed, it will allow to plan for the implementation of follow-up actions, including correcting any vegetation damages and ensuring future similar works are conducted within standards. | <p>BH: submitted what arose out of discovery, received letter of apology from TransDev. Debris was taking from one problematic site, but not the other.</p> <p>JB/BA: need closer watch of agencies working within GW corridor. NC: urban ecology used to do this but are now under resourced.</p> |
| How can we engage residents to look after the GreenWay street verges? Jo Blackman | JB: Council uses contractors to look after GW verges, they don't always do a proper job. JB is suggesting local residents take ownership and look after this. | <p>Ideas discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCF working bee and invite local residents • GW verge award (involve council comms team) • Use council's verge garden policy with guidelines re native/endemic plants • Giving plants to residents to plant on their verge • Include plan for ongoing maintenance in strategic plan <p>Challenges identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents' insufficient knowledge base • Concerns about weeds and non-natives planted by residents |

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| | | Agreed action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verge award: JB and AH to work on this. • DC: Cllr Dylan Griffiths is working on verge garden competition. DC to communicate GCF ideas with Cllr Griffiths. • Include plan for ongoing maintenance and community engagement in biodiversity plan (BA) |

10. Follow up on project groups

| Item | Summary | Recommendations /actions |
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| GIS map for GreenWay: Bruce Ashley | An interactive Geographic Information System (GIS) can be used for matters such as, feedback from community via a map (similar thing when doing masterplan), QR codes in certain areas with information, location-based notifications about events etc | <p>Discussion around how to best do this: use social pinpoint, social media groups, interactive custom-made map or app (use Atlassian), Google map layers. Would need resources for creation and updates.</p> <p>KW: council is going through GIS review at the moment > idea was knocked back as resource issue Cllr TS: will keep on list to discuss within council</p> <p>Agreed action: BA/AL/DC: work on this to brief council, MJ to find out who to best contact re this idea.</p> |

11. General business

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| GCF commenting on planning proposals (discussed after Cllr Stephens left the meeting) | Planning proposals are different from DAs, planning proposals will go to councillors | <p>Discussion about GCF commenting on developments that impact the GreenWay:</p> <p>Currently not possible under Terms of Reference, but members can comment as individuals once on public display. Planning proposals and DAs can be found on council website. Commenting can secure opportunities for GreenWay, such as easements. Some members would like to be able to comment as a committee > in strategic plan, members can alert other members of forum.</p> <p>Agreed action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate if GCF members can be notified by council of any proposals/DAs that impact the GW • Ask council's strategic planning team to brief GCF on planning proposals • Ask council's planning team to brief GCF on DAs <p>KW and MJ to follow up within council.</p> |

12. Next meeting dates for 2023

Petersham Service Centre Level 3 Function Room (Ngara) or online via Teams

5.45pm–7.15pm

Monday 6 February 2023
Monday 17 April 2023
Monday 5 June 2023
Monday 14 August 2023
Monday 13 November 2023