

MLGB Neighbourhood Forum AGM

Sat 28 Jan, 11am

Open and welcome - Emma Bentley-Fox, East Street Arts

- Welcome to the first ever Mabgate, Lincoln Green and Burmantofts AGM
- Thank you to staff and forum members
- Thank you to everyone for coming
- Housekeeping - food, drinks, art activities, toilets
- Everyone should have an agenda which includes a list of all speakers
- Neighbourhood forum is a group of residents
- Working with the council to develop piece of legislation (law) where residents can have their say on what they want the priorities to be for the neighbourhood
- Priorities plan in place by October
- If you want you be part of that, the forum may be for you

MLGB Neighbourhood Forum 2022 Highlights - Emma Bentley-Fox, East Street Arts

- Summer School
 - For 9-13 years olds
 - Week of activities - visit to Otley Farm, workshops, activity with Burmantofts Senior Action, celebration event
- Neighbourhood zines
 - Stories, poems, recipes from residents
 - Free, distributed around the neighbourhood

Summer School reflections - Mahnaz

- Took part in East Street Arts summer school
- Activities like clay sculptures
- It stimulated a creative mindset
- The natural dying stood out the most - using natural dyes, best for the environment (instead of using synthetic dyes)
- Chance to make new friends, reconnect with ones for last year, and meet artists
- Wants to be involved in the future
- **Emma - we are running another summer school this year, keep an eye on our website and sign up to newsletter**

MLGB looking ahead to 2023 - Emma Bentley-Fox

- Another summer school
- More zines
- Michaela will be working with the forum more

Michaela introduction

- Freelance artist
- Worked on summer school and really enjoyed working with the children on natural dying
- Hoping to do more of this
- Also offering support and guidance to the MLGB Neighbourhood Forum committee - the new chair and secretary

- And working with partners

Vote on forum roles - Emma Bentley-Fox

- Forum currently chaired by Emma Bentley-Fox, with varying notetakers
- Now looking to move these roles over to residents, which will be great as it means the forum will be resident led
- East Street Arts will still be involved
- Two residents standing for roles
- Pauline standing for Chair
 - Worked on the summer school (gardening workshops)
 - Does support teaching work
 - Passion for gardening - beautiful garden
 - Received zine through her door and was intrigued by the eye catching artwork
 - Decided to get involved, and has been for the last 2 years
 - Enjoys opportunity to meet neighbours, local mothers etc.
- Fiona standing for Secretary
 - Lived in the neighbourhood her whole life
 - Passion for children and the environment
 - Works in childcare
 - Found out about the forum by following us online and decided to come to a meeting
 - Wants to help the local neighbourhood to develop, and to meet new people
 - Also, sees this as a development opportunity for her
- **Pauline speaks**
 - Wonderful to see so many adults here
 - It would be a dream come true to see this many people at committee meetings so that more people can have their say - even half would be great
- **Emma:** there will be free food and art activities at future meetings. Green flyers have more info about future meetings

Vote on candidates - Emma Bentley-Fox

- Over 18s, residents - people who live or work in the area - can vote
- To vote yes, raise hand with a flat open palm
- To vote no, raise hand with a closed fist
- If you don't want to vote, keep your hand down

Attendees vote

- Overwhelming majority for yes, no fists (for a no)
- New Chair and Secretary confirmed in their roles
- Congratulations

Council Update - Thomas

- National pilot study
- Working on priorities statement
- Different to neighbourhood plan but will feed in to plan

Updates from community - Tom, Burmantofts Senior Action

- Great to see so many people

- Burmantofts Senior Action is a small independent local charity
- Offering opportunities for over 60s in the neighbourhood - introduced some of the members that are in attendance
- Offers
 - Weekly local opportunities to meet inc. arts, crafts, breakfast, line dancing
 - Trips and events
 - Outreach - support with benefits, bills, signposting
 - Digital engagement
- Turning office into digital hub
- Repainting office, creating a mural to celebrate local people
- Drop in Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm
- In process of becoming a community health hub
- Produce a printed newsletter - next edition Feb

Updates from community - Kezia, MAFWA

- Community arts organisation
- Set up in Lincoln Green in 2018
- Bringing people together who have experience migration
- Two activities weekly
 - Women's drama group - food available, creche, opportunity to practise English and build confidence
 - Veg bed - growing as a community, starting March
- Over last 18 months to 2 years
 - Redesigning local garden
 - New planting and furniture
 - Community designed
 - Opening early May
 - Lots of fun things happening in summer - need help to shape what you want
 - Can be part of organising committee

Updates from community - Jude, East Street Arts

- Another project that we're working on - about the heritage and history of New Briggate
- May have been on the street to get a bus
- No longer open - has been pedestrianised
- East Street Arts working with artists to tell stories of the street
- E.g. before the Grand Theatre was built, there was a horse circus
- E.g. Beatles played on the street
- E.g. jazz history
- Lots of stories
- We can come to community groups to get your ideas, stories, memories
- Lots of activities on the street - walking tours, carnival

Updates from community - Ali, Leeds Refugee Forum

- Community led
- Based in Lincoln Green area
- Work with refugees, migrants, asylum seekers
- Support with English classes, wellbeing, homework club

- One of leading groups for Leeds Migration Community
- Grassroots

Updates from community - Robert Dyson

- Robert unable to make it so Emma Bentley-Fox gave update
- Robert is a social historian
- Looking at Mabgate mural
 - Created in 1986
 - With Primrose Hill Primary
 - Included portraits of local
 - It's near KF Bakery
 - Now aged - lots of wear and tear
- Has received funding to renovate
- Still some fundraising needed
- Opportunities for residents to get involved in updating the mural

Thank you for coming

Event closed