**KEF meeting, Tuesday 1st August, 2.00pm**

**John Lewis "Place to Eat"**

**NOTES & ACTIONS**

**Present:** Kim Bailey (KEC, TTK), Andree Frieze (MASC, Green Party), Marilyn Mason (TTK, MASC)

**Apologies for absence:** Des Kay (STWC). John Legate (K Beekeepers, KCC), Peter Watson (St Pauls), Marina Pacheco (KBN), Ed Fuller (R&K Greenpeace), Cllr Hilary Gander (TTK, KCC), Clive Messenger (SWLEN)

**Discussion:**

* **How can KEF help your various organisations and projects? (KB**) - MM offered a recap of KEF’s remit: to share information and ideas (contributed either at KEF meetings or by email) for lobbying the Council on our collective concerns or reacting/responding to Council actions and proposals; to represent the KEF network and its issues at other meetings (e g Kingston Strategic Partnership (KSP), KVA, Council committees, with Council officers) and to report back to KEF and share useful info and opportunities (e g funding streams, opps for social prescription, events coming up…). KEF does not itself have any funds or a venue or extra volunteers, and its member-organisations, not KEF itself, undertake practical environmental projects etc. See also KEF website, which contains links to useful resources, info, media reports, data etc on issues of interest to KEF.
* **Prep for** **upcoming KSP meetings**
* Late August - **MM** was now working towards a meeting of the small **Kingston Plan WG on Growth, sustainability, housing** (which includes CAB, KCAH, SWLEN, K College…), one of the chosen themes from the KSP conference last year but on which there had been no action) so far. Apparently WGs were supposed to get together and discuss their input into the Kingston Plan - though no one had said so or provided any means of doing so until MM and Vicky Price of SWLEN asked. The WG hopes to meet in time to feed ideas into the next KSP meeting (otherwise it would all be left to the Kingston Futures group). AF recommended Regeneration G15 doc - see <http://www.genesisha.org.uk/genesis_housing_association/press_releases/press_releases/g15_regeneration_report.aspx> .
* **KSP meeting, 7 Sept** am (tbc?) to plan KSP conference. **MM** would go, hoped to take ideas from above WG + suggestions from KEF for topics. From KEF, maybe: Good Growth; Could Kingston aim for a Sustainable City award? (See [City of London sustainable city website](https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/sustainability/) ); Air Quality impacts of development; Green Spaces, Parks, MOL, Green Belt - implications of population growth, spread of buildings and development. Other suggestions welcome before 7/9 **(All)**.Some other issues/questions to flag up when relevant: Is Kingston’s growth inevitable given unaffordable housing for young people and effects of Brexit on city jobs?How future-proof is the Kingston Plan likely to be? How are plans, building regulations, environmental standards etc going to be inspected and enforced in an era of austerity and cuts? Other issues and Qs welcome (**All**).
* **KSP conference 11 Oct, tbc** - **KB** would be attending for KEF, and maybe other member-groups would be invited too. Please go or send a rep if you are invited.
* **29 Nov tbc (KB?)** post conference meeting. KEF should try to meet between 11 Oct and 29 Nov to hear about the conference and its outcomes, prepare joint responses and input for KSP meeting.

**Other dates for diaries**

* **Kingston Carnival Sun 3 Sept** - **Jean** @ KEC is organising the Green Zone - contact her if interested.
* **26 Oct 6**.**00 - 7.30, Jenny Jones,** GLA member, Green Party, would be speaking at Kingston Uni in Facing the Future series - see old (pre-election) flier saved at <https://e-voice.org.uk/kef/assets/other/facing-the-future-discussions>
* **16 Nov, 1.00pm - KEF’s All Saints Kingston Topical Lunchtime talk** (**CM, MP, MM)** - do please come to join in the discussion after the initial 15 mins presentation (**All**).

**AOB**

* **MM and KB** would continue to share chairing for the moment, but another Co-chair would be welcome (**volunteers?)** and then MM would probably take on the role of Secretary unless someone else wanted to do that. (A job-title of some kind is useful for anyone representing KEF at other Council/KVA etc meetings, responding to consultation for KEF...)
* **AQ meetings** with MASC and RBK officers already reported by email - **MM** would continue to attend these and participate in future work on AQ, with help from KEF.
* **AF** would be standing in Council elections (Richmond) next year and would be unable to attend future KEF meetings, but it was hoped that she would still participate via email and Facebook and continue to send us useful info and ideas.
* **Public meeting on Air Quality** in Kingston, as suggested by MASC - **AF** suggested that this would be a good theme for a PEP (People, Environment, Politics) talk in Kingston and would put it to the Green Party organiser Rene. This could happen sooner than anything Kingston Council was likely to organise and this may be contingent on the launch of an AQ Strategy. In the meantime, KEF could suggest RBK councillors / officers who could speak about what was happening in Kingston on AQ, and members of KEF and MASC could come along to challenge and encourage action and to learn more about general public responses. **AF** would also send round a link to the latest FoE statement on AQ.
* **All -** for between-meeting updates and to prevent missing out or unnecessary forwarding and duplication of info etc., if you haven’t already **please sign up** **for**:  
  *- KVA E-Bulletin* - <http://kva.org.uk/kva/publications-2/e-bulletins/> - which offers updates on funding and training opps   
  *- Kingston Environment News* - <http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/home/?u=4da1f647e24d941f61f13281c&id=c8806ad842> - which features local green events and news  
  *- MASC (Make Air Safe and Clean)* *Facebook page -* <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MakeAirSafeClean/>  
  - *KEF* *Facebook page* - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1169702973039705/>.   
  *- London Assembly environment newsletter -* <https://www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/environment-newsletter>
* **KB** would soon be trained on use of **Trello** and would pass it on, and/or add info from KEF (e g from website).
* **Town House at Kingston Uni** looked to be a useful and central community asset for meetings etc but probably not ready for a while (2019?).

**Leftovers from last meeting**

* **Kingston Carnival,** despite requests, had not yet provided the invoice that TTK treasurer HG needed for her records - but she was on the case and would transfer donations from JL, PW and TTK asap.
* **MM** had responded in general terms on behalf of KEF to 2 recent RBK consultations on **GoCycle** proposals, and hoped that others had also responded individually and/or on behalf of their groups - as those who knew the routes/areas and specific issues well could probably respond in greater detail.

**Date of next KEF meeting:** **MM** would Doodle some dates early in October.