



# FORA Grapevine

## Hello from the Forest Residents Association

The yearly Leytonstone Street Fest took place again on 3<sup>rd</sup> September with the usual array of stalls, workshops and activities. The theme this year was about sustainability and recycling. There was also a Cultivate Produce Show allowing any of you who grow at home to enter a competition. There were several categories. As someone who has an allotment I decided to enter my Chocolate Cherry Tomatoes which are purple/brown colour and contain high levels of anthocyanins the natural occurring chemical found in dark fruit pigments such as blueberries. So a very unusual entry I thought. However, there was stiff competition and my entry was nowhere to be seen. Do any of you have allotments or on a waiting list? I was recently informed that if you have an allotment and have your name on another allotment site you have to either give up your existing allotment to remain on the other list or keep the allotment and take your name off the waiting list. This is also the case if you want to give up one when you get the other. Whilst its understandable that there is a huge waiting list of people wanting allotments, this policy does not make sense when there are plot holders with more than one plot already and some in different sites. These changes took place in 2012.

Our newest Committee member **Louise Buchanan** has made a great start by taking on the Grove Green/Kingswood Road issue by contacting the local Guardian and getting them to highlight the problems we face. An article was published on 19<sup>th</sup> September so well done Louise and keep up the good work! The cameras to monitor the junction were set up in August and we await the findings. Thanks to everyone who turned up for the photo shoot and emailed me. Your emails were forwarded to the council. You can read the article at:

[http://www.guardianseries.co.uk/news/15544456.Neighbours\\_call\\_for\\_action\\_on\\_dangerous\\_junction\\_before\\_someone\\_gets\\_hurt/](http://www.guardianseries.co.uk/news/15544456.Neighbours_call_for_action_on_dangerous_junction_before_someone_gets_hurt/)

How did you vote on the CPZ proposal? Well the results are in! Overall residents rejected the implementation of a CPZ in the area (40% for 60% against) however there were considerable variations in different roads. The council has decided, in the light of these results, to implement a CPZ in part of the area. **Do you think this is fair considering 60% voted NO? If this was done with Brexit some cities would still be in Europe! Please email me with your thoughts at [info.fora@hotmail.com](mailto:info.fora@hotmail.com).**

The recommended CPZ roads will be Hainault Road, Percy Road and Woodriffe Road and will operate from Mon- Fri 10 - 4pm and will be known as Leytonstone North CPZ (LSN). This decision to only CPZ certain roads will have a knock on effect on the neighbouring area so don't be surprised if we all get CPZ soon. More info go to: <https://forestresidents.org/colworth-road-area-cpz-consultation-result>

Our curry nights have been the most popular yet so we are arranging this year's event at the Star of India in High Road Leytonstone on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm till 9pm. We have negotiated a special price for the evening of £10 per person for a full buffet meal with a selection of mouth watering dishes to choose from. (Vegetarian options available). FORA will be subsidising this by paying half so you only pay £5 and under 12 year olds are free! Great Value!! **Please RSVP me to book your place [info@vaseemgill.com](mailto:info@vaseemgill.com) or text 07956 365903 by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

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I look forward to meeting you at our next event and please email the team if you have any news!

Vaseem Gill (Chair)

## **Wardley Lodge update - Martin Sepion**

In the past Wardley Lodge was run by East Thames Housing Association who provided accommodation for people with alcohol dependency issues. While local residents sympathise with people suffering from alcohol and related issues a number of concerns were expressed over the management of some of the tenants. Local residents observed drug dealing, anti-social behaviour, threatening behaviour, begging, and jaywalking. The police were often called and there were times when the management of the tenants appeared to be lacking.

FORA met with Christine Ogbonda (Head of Temporary Accommodation) and her staff at Wardley Lodge to find out future plans for the facility. Christine shared the following information:

- The facility has been leased to LBWF for 15 years from East Thames Housing Association
- It will be managed directly by LBWF
- Wardley Lodge has been refurbished to provide 23 single room units with communal areas such as kitchens and playrooms for children
- The aim is to provide medium to long term accommodation for homeless people
- Likely residents will be single parent families, older people or people escaping domestic violence
- The Council is only able to house those with the very highest need from the waiting list
- Residents have contractual obligations to abide by the law and housing rules
- Those who do not comply will be given three warnings and then their tenancy will be terminated

**Full article** <https://forestresidents.org/residents-meet-lbwf-housing-officers-over-future-use-of-wardley-lodge>

## **Planning Application**

135 Whipps Cross Road E11 1NP - Application reference number 172306

Alteration including construction of single storey rear and side extensions, two storey rear extension, formation of second floor balcony at rear elevation, installation of additional window at first floor rear elevation in connection with conversion of existing dwelling house to five flats (3 x 1 bedroom, 1 x 2 bedroom and 1 x 3 bedroom flats) with associated soft landscaping at front of property, bicycle and refuse storage. Comments by 28<sup>th</sup> September [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/planning-search](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/planning-search)

## **Future Events**

**Autumn Litter Pick will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017 10 - 11am**

Meet at Forest Glade/Poppleton Road junction at 10am

**Curry Night Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6pm - 9pm Star of India, 875 High Rd Leytonstone,**

**London E11 1HR Buffet meal to include 1 soft drink or beer or glass of wine. Free under 12 years old. £5 FORA members £10 non members. RSVP your place by email [info@vaseemgill.com](mailto:info@vaseemgill.com) or text on 07956 365903 or contact your local committee member by 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

**New Discount List Entry:** Zainab's Kitchen Restaurant and delivery 17 Cambridge Park, Wanstead, E11 2PU 020 8989 1977 [www.zainabskitchen.co.uk](http://www.zainabskitchen.co.uk) Contact Zakaria. 10% off bill eat in only

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