**Local Community Partnership – Croydon Central West**

**Meeting Notes 12 October 2022**

Dear Croydon Central West Colleagues,

It was wonderful to meet with you all and hear from people, groups and teams across the locality (including Broad Green, Fairfield, Addiscombe West, Selhurst, Waddon & South Croydon communities). Additional thanks to our wonderful hosts at [﻿​​﻿﻿﻿Home | Disability Croydon](https://www.disabilitycroydon.org.uk/) and also to Mayor Perry for joining us.

*Since we met the Mayor has notified groups of the Council's intention to withdraw the Community Fund, key council funding for Croydon's Voluntary and Community Sector services. In addition, James shared the news that Disability Croydon, Croydon Vision and Age UK's Information, Advice and Guidance contract has been withdrawn as of this December and reminded us all that****we must work together in partnership towards solutions****.*

Please find a record of our meeting below with actions highlighted.

**Community Plan for Croydon Central West** - based on what we've heard to date, please find the first draft of your full Community Plan attached. Your feedback, join-up with other partnership work and revisions are most welcome - please email Sarah or Andrew.

**Croydon Central West LCP Community Plan ‘Action groups’:**

With so much information and so many ideas being captured in the locality’s Community Plan, the group was asked to form smaller ‘Action Groups’ to work on specific outcomes related to the key priority of Later Life:

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| **Action Group**   | **Suggested Outcome(s) from Community Plan**   | **Suggested Action Agreed from Community Plan**   | **Who Volunteered to a Deeper Dive**   | **By When**   |
| **Communication**  | Increase connection and partnership working   | Invite involvement and connection by promoting local community activities and services in flyers, posters and online for partnership events and community hubs    | CVA, Volunteers, All LCP members   | Ongoing   |
| **Community Showcase**  | Increase knowledge of activities and support available    Increase partnership working   | To plan and hold an event to promote the assets, (organisations, active citizens, groups, opportunities) of the locality, including wellbeing activities ‘live’ on the day, celebrate history in photos & Club Soda’s band ‘Carbonators’, venue suggestions incl: Centrale and Fairfield Halls    | Alison Johnson ) Co-Chair), Karen Chillman (CVA), Emmanuel Church (Carol), Whitgift,  Willows and Disability Croydon- existing event also, Club Soda, Sabrina (ICN+ Network Facilitator)  All LCP members   | Spring 2023   |
| **Street Champions**   | Residents will feel safer, healthier and happier by having regularly ‘face-to-face’ contact with street-based ‘Champions’ who will knock on their doors to ask about their health and well-being   | Building on the work done by Mutual Aid groups during the Covid19 pandemic, extending existing community connection where, on a street-by-street basis, Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) workers and Active Citizens offer direct, door step support to fellow residents living in their neighbourhoods, connecting people, safely and sensitively into local support, establishing trust and strengthening compassionate communities. Tasks incl: Role Description, training and coordination.    | Sarah Burns (CVA).  Croydon Mutual Aid.  Croydon Neighbourhood Watch.  Jarmila Whiteley, -  J.Whiteley@stchristophers.org.uk    AgeUK Croydon.  Willow (carol and Tanya)   | Join up and recommendations by December 2022   |

\*\*\*The success of these Deeper Dive **Action Groups** in achieving suggested initial Community Plan outcomes is dependent on the input and offers of support by members of the Local Community Partnership. So if you have ideas, skills, knowledge, experience or expertise in any of the above areas and would like to join an Action Group, please contact the Group Leads above or Sarah and Andrew (andrew.slegg@croydon.gov.uk).We will be scheduling interim meetings of these groups and will share the details with all. Please attend any that you think you would like to contribute to deeper dive thinking and action. **\*\*\***

**Co-Chairs** - Our Co-Chair, Pastor Alison Johnson, welcomed all to the event and introduced our partnership activity to date. For more information on your Co-Chairs follow this link: [﻿​﻿​﻿​New Co-Chairs for the Local Community Partnership in Croydon Central West (mailchi.mp)](https://mailchi.mp/cvalive.org.uk/meetnewcochairslcpcroydoncentralwest1159667-1159715)

**Locality webpages** - Following the idea from a Local Community Partnership (LCP) member, we are developing locality webpages which will help people and groups to share information about what's going on in this locality. Here's the first draft,  feedback and content welcomed. [﻿​﻿​﻿​Croydon Central West - Local Community Partnership - Croydon Voluntary Action (cvalive.org.uk)](https://cvalive.org.uk/empowering-the-community/networks/local-community-partnerships/croydon-central-west-local-c/)[​​](https://cvalive.org.uk/empowering-the-community/networks/local-community-partnerships/croydon-south-east-local-com/)

**Simply Connect Croydon** - brings together information on activities and services across Croydon that is accessible to the public, charities, Social Prescribers, health and social care professionals etc. There are currently just over 900 listings by 700 organisations, Simply Connect Croydon - connecting you to your local community. If you want to list your activities and/or services, free of charge, please  [register](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=i9wEh43LkkWuUb66zissjxbd6yjvd-BNtAGY3IPHZtlUQktEWkFFRU0yREwyRUE5WUFBTUFQWk1MRSQlQCN0PWcu) and once you have submitted your form, a volunteer will upload your information to the website. If they need more details, they will contact you directly. Sharing information on support and activities will need a team effort so we're encouraging everyone to be ‘Connect Well Guides’. Contact Karen Chillman for more information about Simply Connect Croydon and becoming a ‘Connect Well Guide’ - Karen.Chillman@cvalive.org.uk

**CVA's Volunteer Centre** - also promotes volunteering opportunities if you would like to advertise your volunteer roles free of charge, here is the form to [*register*](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=i9wEh43LkkWuUb66zissjxbd6yjvd-BNtAGY3IPHZtlUQktEWkFFRU0yREwyRUE5WUFBTUFQWk1MRSQlQCN0PWcu)*and our team of volunteers will do the rest.*

**Community Hubs**- The Local Community Partnership Central West voted on their first One Croydon Community Hub for Croydon Central West and has chosen **St Andrew's Church,**[**﻿​﻿﻿﻿﻿ST ANDREWS CROYDON**](https://www.standrewscroydon.org/).

Thank you to all those organisations who expressed an interest in being a One Croydon Community Hub, the ambition is to have more Community Hubs within each locality so today we identified where we'll start.

**Community Plans – (***Please see summary of Actions in the table above):*

Many thanks to each of you for your valuable contributions, please spread the word on our Local Community Partnership events. The next event is on **Wednesday 14th December**, venue TBC.

With warm wishes,

Sarah (CVA), Andrew (Croydon Council)​ Alison & Odette (Co-Chairs)

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