

Fitzwest Neighbourhood Forum
Conservation and Culture Topic Group
Notes of Meeting on 3 September 2014

Present: Barbara Corr, Jonathan Powell, Helengai Walsh, Gwilym Harbottle (Convenor),

Apologies: Elleanne Green, Claire-Louise John

1. It was agreed that the purpose of this meeting was to establish the agenda for future activity.
2. We need to establish what the Plan can and can't include:
 - a. Gather together relevant extracts from planning documents. *Action: Gwilym.*
 - b. Establish the boundary of the CAZ. *Action: Barbara.*
3. We need to map cultural activities in the area:
 - a. Make contact with groups of galleries. Barbara mentioned Fitzrovia Lates.
 - b. Identify pubs and clubs.
 - c. Identify film and live music venues.
4. Recruitment.
 - a. Barbara would approach some theatre people.
 - b. Gwilym to check whether there are Open House events at which we can advertise for recruits. *Action: Gwilym.* Update: the only one in the Fitzwest Area is All Saint's Margaret St. I will try and put in a leaflet (draft attached).
5. Issues to be addressed:
 - a. Good design.
 - b. Conserving and enhancing historic environment.
 - c. Encouraging cultural activity.
6. Options/priorities: good design and conservation
 - a. Audit existing conservation area documents (E. Marylebone, Charlotte St West and Hanway St) to see if they remain adequate or whether there is room for improvement and if so identify what is needed.
 - b. Identify areas in the neighbourhood for design improvement.
7. Options/priorities: culture
 - a. Identify sites for cultural activity:
 - i. Arts centre. Jonathan will look at planning history and status of the Clipstone Garage Site. *Action: Jonathan.*

- ii. Public gallery.
 - iii. Studio space.
 - iv. Outdoor performances (pedestrianisation- fewer parking spaces?)
- b. Designating areas for art gallery use.
- c. Ensuring that part of the developers' levy is spent on cultural activity.
- d. Ensuring that planning conditions include provision for culture.

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IF SO, JOIN THE FITZWEST NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM CONSERVATION AND CULTURE TOPIC GROUP

The Fitzrovia West Neighbourhood Forum was recently set up to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Fitzrovia West (see the map below). It has over 160 members and is awaiting designation from Westminster Council. See <http://fitzwest.org/wordpress/>.

The Forum has convened a number of Topic Groups to ensure that local people's views are represented in the Plan. The Conservation and Culture Topic Group is one of these.

The Group is looking for new recruits with an interest in conservation and culture in Fitzrovia West to help with this important work. All are welcome. No particular expertise is needed: just interest and enthusiasm.

If you're interested, email gwilymharbottle@gmail.com. If you're not yet a member of the Forum you'll need to join first. It only takes a minute or two: <http://fitzwest.org/wordpress/become-a-member/>.

