

Carnegie Herne Hill Community Trust

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Presentation of Expression of Interest for Asset Transfer

14th December 2015

Vision

The long-term sustainable future of the Carnegie Library building in Herne Hill will be secured as a community owned and managed asset.

The building will provide wide public access and a Community Hub to include an Enterprise Library and a wide range of social and entrepreneurial activities that strengthen the local economy and complement the cultural and creative ethos originally envisaged in Andrew Carnegie's endowment.

The historical legacy and the architectural fabric of the building will be secured and enhanced.

Community Hub and Enterprise Library

- Enterprise Area for use by local self-employed people and small businesses supporting local entrepreneurs
- Innovative 21st Century Library Service offering books, use of social media for learning
- Safe, calm environment for homework and study by young people
- Gallery to host exhibitions, including Heritage and Cultural Events
- Performance space to offer access locally to music, dance and theatre
- Wellbeing and fitness
- Social events – weddings, parties, celebrations
- Initiatives that bridge generations including U3A, South London Cares, a youth club
- Café in which all users can meet and share, and a garden
- Community services with local charities, GPs, multi-faith churches, schools, the local employment centre

Achievements to date

- Project Group
 - Conservation Statement and Architects Options Appraisal
 - Public Consultation on options
 - Engagement with Heritage Lottery Fund and Carnegie UK Trust
 - Introduced London Arts and South London Cares Projects
 - Membership of Lambeth Community Hubs Network and COMA
 - Incorporation October 2015
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation
 - Submitted Asset Transfer Application
 - Published “Preferred Option” completing Options Appraisal
 - Business Planning under development with “Community Matters”

Social, Economic and Environmental

- Social

- Enhance social inclusion, reduce isolation through intergenerational and social projects
- Enhance learning and cultural activity by providing a performance space and events, retaining a library for all ages
- Affordable, accessible café and venue in which the community can mix and celebrate

- Economic

- Promote local employment and local enterprise, support start ups reducing unemployment
- Partner with local successful entrepreneurs

- Environmental

- Reduce use of cars in local wards, encourage use of public transport, enhance garden and promote horticulture and fitness
- Use local skills and produce
- Refurbished building will be environmentally friendly and energy efficient

Community Engagement

- Public Consultation – open meetings, talks, on line, exhibition
- Website with PR support to reach the community
- Outreach work with local estates, local churches and harder to reach groups
- Active volunteers leading and supporting the project
- “Get Involved” database of 350 including 80 community stakeholders
- Open recruitment of Trustees and Associate Members
- Align aims with local community groups when future direction is clear; including Loughborough Action Group, Herne Hill Society, Friends of Carnegie Library, Friends of Ruskin Park

Governance

- Foundation Model of Charitable Incorporated Organisation
 - Independent recruitment of new Trustees meeting skills gaps and wider community
 - Promote Associate Membership target 1000
 - Review constitution and move to Association Model of Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- Operating Model
 - Trustees – regular meetings
 - Match volunteers to business planning tasks
 - Task and Finish Groups eg café, performances
 - Management Board – members + users + trustees
 - One FTE post

Next Steps

- Complete Draft Business Plan
- Commence recruitment of Trustees and create Membership Scheme
- Transfer of asset to Carnegie Herne Hill Community Trust to take place in 2016
- Negotiations on use of the building with Council, Greenwich Leisure, community and wider users
- Appoint Building/Project Manager
- Heritage Lottery Stage One bid and other funding applications
- Communicate clear future plans for Carnegie Herne Hill