Highgate Neighbourood Forum Re-imagining the High Street Event, May 9th 2019

HIGH STREET IDEAS – THEMED

Red: Traffic, transport and road matters etc

* Parking – short term for shoppers and loading bays for shops
* sort pollution - progress on high street hampered otherwise
* move 271 terminus
* Bikes - locking/parking spaces, cafe/repair space/shop, events for hill climbers (pop up cafe)
* Move 271
* Electric trishaws for older people
* Parking off High street
* Modern tram up hill
* Move 271 terminus – stop 271 at Archway
* Bury Archway Road

Make current bus terminus place for electric trishaws

new /amended bus routes with electric buses

Move boundary to Archway road

Purple: skills and sharing/ community

* Focus on locals vs visitors
* Intergeneration spaces and activities – skills, training, schools engaging older people
* Schools - take advantage of the big thing (or problem). teen market? enterprise? some shops open 30 weeks a year to serve the teachers/parents/pupils?
* Provisions for older people
* Skill sharing/inter-generational in cafes, social spaces, workspace for young people
* Share public school assets and facilities
* HLSI /HS become shared educational spaces

Support for local charities like Harington stall

Community allotments

Light Blue: retail ideas, markets, Rent, Rates, Landlords, Development, Businesses

* First Friday late night openings and music
* Work with landlords and councils on rents and rates
* Pop-up spaces for young creatives -
* Use empty shops for young people/mixed use/historical info
* Shops and businesses - to engage customers, be more creative, community aspect to businesses feeding back knowledge into the community / offer space
* Market
* Recycling and repair, fix-it – café, spaces, workshops, shed
* Young people – businesses giving training, Teenage Market
* understand the ownership/rent ratio and rents/rates figures for retailers - can we get some numbers?
* Mixed retail offer – creative shop, bike repair, micro-units, businesses sharing units
* Markets – crafts, ceramics, Farmers market
* Less retail/ estate agents so pop-up shops rent-free or lower rents, have rolling short-term occupancy
* Shops – let shop keepers know what people want, bike shop/shed or repair café, pop-ups
* Working together – landlords, councils, schools involved in the community
* Lower rents and rates, pop-ups
* Supporting Highgate – website for village, Highgate discount card

Active business group

Shop locally

Market spaces

Skills and advice, old to young, small specialisms

Independents and unusual eg. Vintage board game shop

Waitrose – what brands?

Gym and health club

Green: experience eg public spaces, public realm, events

* Civic place Pond Square – sense of being a village with chess boules elderly and play groups, dancing, pop-up theatre or opera
* Literature and architecture festival Rubbish - it needs to be collected, times to change and be co-ordinated across the boroughs.
* Pond Square – more benches and tree repair, bring colour
* Public realm improvements – better signage, accessibility, pavements improved and shared space/ pedestrianise spaces even just at weekends
* Pond Square – genuine hub for all with Pond
* Pedestrianise High Street except buses
* Pond Square – petanque, tables and café, pop-up fountains (like Granary Sq), bring to life, outdoor cinema, events,
* Pedestrianise village – shared space, electric vehicles or tram, safe cycling

Better community notice boards for Highgate events

Clean up rubbish on High Street

sports - boules, darts, crazy/mini golf

resurface road, pedestrianise (at least for a few hours each week like Sat 11-2?)

it looks ugly, not desirable

better publicised, less high brow classes/teaching

theme according to history - old village

Public loos

Cinema as social space

Connect to what Highgate used be – agriculture, history and culture

Murals, paintings, colour

Herbs on the High Street, guerrilla gardening – verges and tree pits

Young architects involved

Local Recycle depot

Rubbish collection

Tourism