

Notes from Enfield District Group Scout Leaders' Meeting, 23rd November 2015 at 10th Ed HQ

Present: Paul Symons (DC) (joined meeting later during AOB), Mark Dowsett (DDC), Mike Thurston (DESC), Janet Owen (3rd), John Rognaldsen (4th), Beryl Davis (8th), Jackie Wheeler (10th Ed), Jas Chadha (12th), Keith Spong (14th), Linda Marchant (18th), Jim Bailey (19th), Darren Leonard (23rd), Roger Gleave (24th Ed), Margaret Boothby (28th), Corinne Dowsett (28th & LTM), Grant Murray (Appointments Sec), Janette Earney (Minutes Sec)

	Item	Detail	Action
1	Welcome	Jackie Wheeler opened and chaired the meeting, which began at 8:07pm	
2	Apologies for absence	Paul Dockley (DDC), Lee Staunton (2 nd), Jason Persaud(5 th), Luke Hammond (16 th), Colin Ayres (20 th), Nancy Azevado(20 th Ed), Peter Jones (29 th)	
3	Minutes of the last meeting	Approved	
4	Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addendum - District "Camp" is not now going ahead (the word 'camp' was missing from last minutes) • 16 turned up for the Young Leaders Module A. Very good session, Mike says. • Val Gleave is now running the shop • Jamboree On The Internet was good, but next year we need to send more info out, to encourage more to turn up • Getting Started. 17 people (including 5 from the 12th) attended the September Getting Started session, but Corinne can't yet upload any of the records into Compass. Jas has more people to send along to the next session, and Grant has 3 to add. 	
5	Health & Safety, & safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No incidents to report 	
6	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compass – This will be launched in January with a 4 phase attack. There will be supervisors who can see everything on there – 5 of these for GLN. Mark D will be County Supervisor. Corinne gave out lists to the GSLs of all your adult volunteers and asks that you check these ASAP and advise her of any errors. If any appointments have 'closed down' their data will not need to be updated. Compass will just be for adults to start with. • Training Advisors – some people were removed from this list but they have now been put back via Corinne and the County Training Manager • Gift Aid. The government has ruled that Scout groups cannot claim back *gift aid. We need clarity on this. • Bag Packing issues – groups cannot now fundraise in this way without a permit, which costs £35 a year per group. Plus, now that the public provide their own carrier bags, they are more reluctant to have bag packing help. Whether you are registered or not, your group is a separate charity – cannot use district charity number unless you are Explorers • Parade of Light – update given and flyer given out. We have the band and a sleigh. The more, the merrier. The event is growing every year • The Band is struggling still. They need loads of help with recruiting. The format of the band might change, because bugles, glocks and drums are no longer as popular with young people. Relaunch needed in the new year into some sort of musical group – we need to find out from kids in the district what instruments they currently play. • Kickstart – MD explained that the intention is for it to be more youth shaped this year. MD explained to any who were unsure about the need for it, that the organizing team have tried to 	<p>Update on Compass needed next time</p> <p>*see below DC's spot</p> <p>Action: apply online if you need a bag packing permit</p> <p>Action: All</p>

		<p>throw away what you won't like and introduce what you will like. Success of the event is dependent on a great turn out, so he asked those GSLs present to promote the event. Mention was made that it is scheduled for the same weekend as Fire & Ice and The Southern 50.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flyers were handed out to advertise the Kickstart event to young leaders • Has everyone done the survey for Dean Jefferies? Please do. • District Strategy. Have you all read this, asked MD? Important that we work together to turn some of the strategy objectives into reality. E.g. Community Impact and Youth Shaped • Danemead contact requested by BD. See their website for details. • Mike has a list of all Young Leaders in the District and is managing this area at the moment. Please keep him updated of any changes and support the young people with their modules and missions. Confirm with Mike when they have completed them • As a result of events in Paris, concerns have been raised in local schools about safety of taking young people on visits to London during the run up to Christmas. • Advice was asked regarding how to do DBS checks. Grant can advise on this • Questions asked by MD. What do you all want from your GSL meetings? How can the District Team and Exec help your groups? Attendance dipped during 2015, although well attended tonight - any underlying reasons? We haven't had a GSLs seminar since 2013 – would you like one? Very few people submit items for the agenda. Short discussion followed, and decision was made to hold meetings at 10th Ed HQ for now, and to continue with the 8pm Monday bimonthly slot • Corinne will give a training update at the Feb GSLs meeting 	<p>Action all: feedback next time about what you want from your GSL meetings. Make any suggestions for future agenda items or guest speakers</p> <p>Action Corinne</p>
7	The DC's Spot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Gift Aid. Subs are still fine for gift aid. Bucket collecting is not. • HMRC may contact and request payments from groups who have fundraised in this way. • GSL one-to-ones. A few have been done so far by MD, PD and PS. Aiming to do as many more as possible in the next couple of months. • Do any permits need renewing soon, e.g. Nights Away? If so, let the DC know. • Also regarding permits, notify the DC and he will issue a permit if you have a national qualification (eg for archery). Send him evidence. If not, assessment required • OSM will now be down to Groups to pay for themselves • Leader Awards, Merits, Commendations etc. Please put people forward to encourage those who haven't got an award. 	<p>Further clarification regarding the revised rules on Gift Aid has been requested for next time. Action DC</p>
8	Date/venue/chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently scheduled GSL meeting dates for 2016 are Feb 22 / Apr 25 / June 29 / Sep 26 / Nov 21 Venue will be 10th Edmonton HQ, unless advised otherwise Chair to be decided – please volunteer (Chair for Feb meeting was due to be decided at Kickstart, which has unfortunately now been cancelled) 	<p>Chair needed for next meeting...</p> <p>Please send any requests or apologies etc. to Janette, who will co-ordinate the information GSLadmin@enfieldscouts.org</p>

Meeting ended at 9:38 pm

- **Impromptu Xmas drink** at The Moon Under Water Enfield at 7.45pm on Weds 30th Dec. GSLs and all Leaders welcome – *(please spread the word)*