

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
*Brixton Splash SAG Debrief*  
 10.00- 12.30

**Room 5,6,7 3rd Floor International House, Canterbury Crescent, London,  
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**Agenda**

1. Splash Board Event Overview
2. Health and Safety
3. Security
4. Community Safety
5. Transport, Highways and Street Cleansing
6. Emergency Services –
  - a. Police
  - b. Fire
  - c. London Ambulance Service
7. Licensing
8. Environmental Health
9. Food Health and Safety
10. Emergency Planning
11. Lambeth Events Service
12. A.O.B.

**Apologies: LAS Representative  
 NHS Representative**

**Attendees**

LBL Emergency Planning
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LBL Community Safety
MET Police
LBL Events
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LBL Licensing
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LBL Food, Health & Safety
MET Police
MET Police
LBL Streets & Highways
TFL Rail & Underground
TFL Events (Surface Team)
LBL Building Control
LBL Environmental Health
LBL Highways
Brixton Splash
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Minutes taken by: LBL Events
Meeting chaired by: LBL Emergency Planning

#### 1. Splash Board Event Overview

- Brixton Splash committee feels that the event was visibly larger this year.
- There were no incidents and the event was better organised.
- Actions were taken based on 2014 reports and there was a huge improvement.
- Improvements on 2014 but still not run as smoothly as would have liked.
- Not as many reports back from contractors as yet such as security so not as much that we are able to feedback
- Feedback from local community traders was that the event was better organised, run and there was a good atmosphere.
- Board feels that there are some improvements to be made for 2016 but overall happy with the event.
- Need to look at the issues along the High Street
- Still waiting for First Aid, Security and Health and Safety Debriefs
- Report from the Event Management Company (Proud Events) not in as much detail as had hoped
- ACTION: SAG needs to see reports from other providers as they are received

#### 2. Health and Safety

- No Feedback received from the Suppliers

#### 3. Security

- No feedback Received from the Suppliers

#### 4. Community Safety

- Providing Feedback on Behalf Of Colleagues
- Received complaints from public regarding litter, street urination, bins, placement of toilets issues.
- Event organisers not attending ELT meetings on the day was also an issue

#### 5. Transport, Highways and Street Cleansing

##### a. TFL:

- Volume of people through Brixton Underground Station even greater than a weekday and far more than informed/anticipated.
- Between 11.30-21.00, 38,000 exited the station which does not include contactless card users (as data is protected).
- Normal Sunday we would have fewer than 20,000 and the

contactless figure can be expected to add between 5-10% to that number.

- The station was not led to prepare for this in regards to staffing and British Transport Police following meetings with event organisers.
- Initial road closures went in between 07.00-08.00 which was later than agreed.
- A23 was not managed and became a huge concern, far more than 15,000 and meant that TFL had to withdraw extra services.
- Loughborough road became problematic with delays of over an hour and a greater impact on the background.
- Curfew of 19.00 did not happen.
  - LSTCC raised this as a serious level of concern due to the amount of waste on roads and at 21.00 Brixton Water Lane became full of diverted traffic with serious concern for pedestrians. Roads reopened at 21.50.
- It was deemed that the 2 events (Ride London and Brixton Splash) did not clash with each other as traffic volume footprints are looked at.

Brixton Splash – Does not understand how this is deemed as traders were held up due to Ride London

TFL Events – Overall traffic volumes became congested when A23 was blocked, and debrief showed footprints did not interfere

#### b. LBL Traffic and Highways

- 22.00 stuck on Brixton Water Lane in traffic.
- Traffic Management did not go in at all on Sudbourne Lane, there was a serious issue – as this is the diversion route for the P5 bus and requires the reversal of the One Way System
- Resources are not in Lambeth to look at this and Traffic management company needs to be brought in sooner.

#### LBL Parking

- Parking Team fed back that the applications came in very late.
- Agreements made on parking and were yet to be paid. Have these been paid yet?  
Brixton Splash – These have not been paid, as a date wasn't given that they had to be paid by
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#### d. Waste Management

- Excessive volumes made it very difficult to cleanse.
- Footprint doubled and illegal trading continued throughout the night.
- Areas had to be redone and more cleaning continued the next morning meaning it took a full 24 hours, despite additional resources.
- Events on Stockwell Road caused major problems.

#### 6. Emergency Services –

##### a. Police

- MPS –Member of public approached an officer and said the

location was inappropriate crowd too dense and dangerous, poorly organised when they tried to speak with organisers and were unable to.

- Barriers lining the pavement would have helped with serious concerns on the A23 and Acre Lane
- Weapon sweep and zero TEN worked well.
- Questions around the stewarding and ambassadors.
- there were no updates and lack of communication from organisers to the ELT.
- Licensing - 40 arrests, 1 fire arms seized. 31 crimes, 12 thefts, 9 thefts in person, 1 ABH, 1 common assault.
- Huge overcrowding issue, no egress control, not actively managed.
- Emergency meeting about shutting of sound system
- A23 not fenced and police resources had to be deployed to be traffic management which is unacceptable. Buses had to be diverted sooner.
- Need to see reports of how many SIA signed in as was not sufficient or match up with event management plan.
- No SIA on roads, just stewards for a large scale event.
- No decanting of glasses as promised
- Lack of fencing, lot of illegal trading, not enough protection of public from BBQs
- Sound system issues, bins overturned and used as decks, criminal damage to billboards
- Disappointing to see Ambassadors smoking cannabis.
- Huge amount of drug taking
- Protecting children, no signage for lost child procedure, if there was a focus on family there was nothing to back this up.
- Aftermath was that police and environmental team worked hard to shut down illegal sound systems and traders that were very confrontational situations with no back up from ambassadors.
- Organisers should have looked after this where police had to step in.
- No set closure

#### b. Fire

- Feedback from Fire is the issue on fire exit on Brixton Village was not managed as it was agreed it would be with inappropriate barrier. This meant the exit was lost to the crowds and subsequently Brixton Village had to close. In addition Brixton Village were only contacted about a week before the event to talk about the proposals.

#### c. London Ambulance Service

- Too few personnel, event felt overwhelming and unsafe.
- NHS – Felt planning was not what is expected of this size.
- Ambulance could not access key points to help emergencies.

#### 7. Licensing

- Collating information currently as not there on the day.
- There were breaches of license and are unable to comment in depth as it stands and will be coming back to the organisers

## 8. Environmental Health

- Ambassadors were not helpful in closing down rushcroft Square event and did not support Council Staff as had been agreed.
- Board Member attended as called and was not supportive.
- Hugely confrontational scenario where it was deemed unsafe and had paperwork ready to shut down.
- Disappointing as it wasn't the partnership working that has been submitted.
- Inadequate individuals overseeing road closures. Council staff had to oversee walking out an illegal ice cream van at 13.30 from Vining Street.
- Illegal Street traders were not dealt with as per the plans it was just the Council and Police dealing with them.
- At least 1 motorcycle came into the footprint from KFC at one point demonstrating lack of robust security.
- Who was the market manager? When to? At 19.20 there was a call from the ELT asking for Council staff assistance in closing down traders as they were still trading. As with unlicensed traders no support from Brixton Splash
- Brixton road blocked by motorcycles and they were not moved on. It meant a large number of people were gathering and Coldharbour Lane was blocked.
- The Noise Team, who were meant to deal with Local Authority Noise issues, had to deal with Brixton Splash issues.
- Unauthorised raves in car parks in front of PC World and Somerleyton Road.
- At KFC Ambassadors did try to shut down a sound system.
- Amount of security and volunteers was inadequate.
- Limited Risk said that they didn't have the numbers they were expecting.

## 9. Food Health and Safety

- Require questionnaires 28 days prior which would mean a 3<sup>rd</sup> July cut off.
- On the 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July documentation was still coming in with a lot of this missing. Will send details to event organisers.
- Trader meeting was positive and assisted with inspections on the day. The standard was good on the day.
- Traders were annoyed in regards to illegal traders that they were there and in competition with them.

## 10. Emergency Planning

- Pre-Event Table Top went well
- LBL Emergency Planning attended on the day, no significant events that required Emergency Planning to step up.

### Building Control

- No Building Control Application for special and temporary structures was made
- LBL Building Control attended on the day and saw some parts of the stage structure behind the stage, looked like the booms were not in place.
- Brixton Splash confirmed that the stage was put up by the staging

company so want details of what was not correct

- As no application was made it was unclear whether these were meant to be part of the stage structure or not. It did not look properly assembled but without an application to know what looking for difficult to tell.
- Also, aware that this is not within the remit of the Brixton Splash Organisers, but something to be aware of lots of people were on roofs that may not be able to take weight loading with risk of collapse and something to consider with future planning and messaging.

#### 11. Lambeth Events Service

- Paperwork timings and submission dates were not met event when revised and submitted twice
- Large number of calls from traders not getting info/organisers being un-contactable
- Brixton Village/other organisations had not been contacted and local business engagement needed to be done earlier.
- EventLambeth were onsite at 06.30 and nothing had been marked out for trader pitches with several setting up in the wrong place
- Change in bar operators not communicated with the Council and info not given to the bar operators resulting in one setting up in the wrong location.
- Proud events supported very well and needed to have Brixton Splash rep in ELT as decisions had to be made that would have benefitted from input from Brixton Splash organisers.
- Mainstage was not shut until after curfew at 19.20.
- Stewards/security was inadequate, one being by himself at the top of Effra Road.
- Others unable to deal with the level needed and watched illegal traders coming through.
- Biggest we have seen in numbers and vastly increased when the provisions weren't.
- Complaints have been received regarding ASB, urination, location of toilets (one from a member of the public with toilets being placed outside her flat on Rushcroft Road) and toilet provisions being inadequate. Threatening behavior and party in Rushcroft Road with event attendees taking over the communal area of a block of flats.
- The numbers were too big for the footprint
- Brixton Splash responded that trader pitches were marked and that the only traders that weren't in the correct locations had to be moved due to debris on the Road where they were due to set up.

#### 12. A.O.B.

Brixton Splash Team would like meetings to go through the comments and what has been alleged. In the meantime they will go through the report and the complaints and go over every aspect to compile a formal report and respond to complaints.