The event was well attended with over 34 people present including Turks Head trustees and workers.

People present put onto post it notes the issues they felt needed to be dealt with to improve Wapping. They were then discussed and actions to deal with them were suggested. As a last point those present were asked what they personally would be prepared to do if there was help available to do it. What people said is included in the suggestions under each heading. People present were most keen to get involved in open space improvements and transport issues.

**ISSUES & SUGGESTIONS**

| **Wasted and underused Space** | **Suggestions/Actions** |
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| Waste area opposite Captain Kidd pub could be used for allotments.  More spaces for communities to grow food and flowers.  Many unused places owned by mega contractors need to utilise them.  Derelict properties in Wapping Lane. | In terms of raising money for refurbishing/building etc, hold more charity events. Could hold events at the Saturday market space as many people go there. |

| **Transport and traffic** | **Suggestions/Actions** |
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| Nuisance vehicles, speeding, racing.  People riding motorbikes around Shadwell Basin.  Noise pollution from car exhausts.  Step free access to Wapping Station  Speed and ANPR cameras required in Garnet St, Glamis Road, Wapping lane, Vaughan Way, Wapping High Street | More speed bumps, ANPR cameras. 20mph limit on roads and to be enforced. More fines for speeding. Ban on coaches and massive HGVS Public Space Protection Orders to combat speeding noise. Speed indicator signs green over 20, red less than 20 and make them look good. Noise cameras on the Highway.  Ban on street parking. On main streets in Wapping. Enter public/private partnership deal with multistorey car park opposite Set up a Wapping Transport Action Group. Continue lobbying TfL re access to the station and transport locally.  Tobacco Dock. Reinstate layby by 21 Wapping Lane to allow delivery vans to park and let buses pass without blocking the road. To stop bicycles on pavements put a cycle path on the Highway.  Can riverboat services stop at Wapping?  Wapping residents should not have to pay an annual charge for the Wapping bus gate. It should be free.  Start a clean air initiative similar to a pilot in Camden – which is successful. |

| **The High Street and its facilities** | **Suggestions/Actions** |
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| Wapping Lane shops need some new blood and be regenerated. Support for local shops before we lose them. Wapping lane, one side thriving, the other side fading. Review the shops on Wapping lane, we need more footfall there, bars restaurants, shops etc. | Only allow new businesses if they are not estates agents, Italian restaurants, and coffee places.  Invite artists who bid for space in Pennington St or who use the studio at the Turk’s Head to occupy/run their studios out of empty shops at reduced/low rents.  Transparency available to all about what is happening with disused places and closed shops – find out why are they closed?  Turn bakery and Indian restaurant into a place to display art by local artists.  Encourage shop local with incentive support funding for a loyalty scheme. Meanwhile use for Wapping Lane shops. |

| **Maintenance of streets** | **Suggestions/Actions** |
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| Canal maintenance is needed as the canal is smelly and is a danger to wildlife. Address overgrown trees as they make a mess on cars and street. Bird poo on many walkways and in parks.  Removal of tents along the canal near Tobacco Dock - numbers are increasing. |  |

| **Leisure Facilities** | **Suggestions/Actions** |
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| St George’s Pool needs to be responsibly rebuilt and ensure is a safe, green accessible space. Re-open St George’s. New pool or refurbish St George’s. The lido at Shadwell Basin should happen.  Risk of John Orwell Sports Centre location being utilised for housing reducing sports and green spaces. | Improve sports facilities not impacted by Tideway such as the bowling green, tennis courts and social area.  Lottery funding for the pool. Campaign for St George’s Pool, Would like the Turk’s Head Charity to arrange a meeting asap with the architects who are designing the new pool. |

| **History and Heritage** | **Suggestions/Actions** |
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| Restore Wapping Clock Tower and entrance at St John’s.  Make the library box opposite Smith’s more permanent, i.e., old telephone box. Phone box library plans – extensively discussed with the councillors opposite the youth club. | Preserve the remaining cobblestone streets with a heritage order which cannot tarmac over when in disrepair. |

| **Health** | **Suggestions/Actions** |
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| We need a dentist. | Expand health communication via PPG (Patient Participation Group) to local community. |

| **Green Spaces, Canal, and River** | **Suggestions/Actions** |
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| Improve Shadwell Basin.  Encourage residents to look after roses in Wapping Rose Garden.  King Edward Memorial Park – would be nice to get tennis courts back and bowling green developed. | Chandler St playground - Altab Ali planning obligations for improvements  Better planting design, more pocket parks, money to refurbish parks, use a place for youth and school events. Volunteer for planting to improve biodiversity.  Mud larking community group we are by the river – why not make it social? |

| **Community Space and activities for Local people and their children** | **Suggestions/Actions** |
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| Not enough community spaces, community events or projects. More youth clubs, activities, sports for children, youth assistance, IT and opportunity clubs. The Youth Club should be utilised better.  Further integrating activities.  An education centre for all at St Peter’s Centre.  We need more Arts. WappArt is doing a good job, but we need a place open more often with more exhibitions. | Maybe we should sponsor WappArt or find a permanent place for it.  Keep doing community events like the Shindig and support them.  Involve outside agencies in support - marathon funding.  I have applied 5 times for really small pockets of money from Tower Hamlets to hold workshops and free activities. All accepted but did not go through because I’m self-employed, not a company or charity.  Open the youth club – what happens to the funding for it? Youth centre to look clean and welcoming with a clear schedule of activities. Skill share is provider? |

| **Citizen information** | **Suggestions/Actions** |
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| What’s happening with Wapping Group Practice?  What’s happening with the old power station?  Self-promotion of councillors. Councillors not always doing what they say they will do whilst claiming anything and everything as their work.  Create database of Wapping residents for more people power. | More visible or active website for Wapping of what’s going on.  Wapping resident’s website and database to promote ideas.  Community-run arts and creative space for the old power station  Get correct contact in Council for each issue and other groups in Wapping.  TRA’s working in partnership. Meet with Council representatives. Assist with marketing. Help design communication strategy including centralised webspace and outdoor notifications. Communications and engagement with neighbours.  Happy to volunteer to carry out worthwhile tasks. Happy to volunteer but would like to know what groups are available to join – communication. I would love to volunteer with picking up litter, gardening etc. There are already litter picking groups and river cleaning, [but] surely not more groups.  Join Wapping Wombles. Set up a gardening group to plant and prune. Cutting trees back. Green space planting and pruning group. Adopt a tree watering scheme. Create group for growing things. When grotty Litter spotted should take photos and send to Council. Signage for dog poo mess. More bins for dog poo which say thank you. Regularly pick up litter when walking around and will continue to do this even though I have childcare commitments and health problems.  Start a repaint a railing/bench day. Volunteer for green issues in Wapping but not to upset Tower hamlets. Volunteer for leafleting – any activities. |

| **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)** | **Suggestions/Actions** |
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| Rubbish Fly tipping on our estates, dog poo, litter, rats in rubbish outside Cinnamon café every night. Bike thefts.  Anti-social behaviour from Nitric Oxide use, loud music from cars. Lack of police presence. Unruly behaviour from clients at Tobacco Dock events. Excessive noise from clubbers on Pennington Street suggest Public Space Protection order (PSPO)  Rented bikes and scooters left lying on paths and pavements.  People need to stop swimming in Shadwell basin. | Raise with Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)  Suggest effective security not teenage stewards for Tobacco Dock events.  Noise camera on Highway.  Make it easier for residents to report or highlight ASB. Seek advice from other boroughs or countries who have had success in dealing with ASB. Agree a single way of reporting ASB and start a marketing campaign to tell people what to do and encourage them to do it. Thank the Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officers for doing a good job. Visible Police presence - walking the beat – or community officers. Galvanise community to have more visible signposting for ASB.  Neighbourhood high vis tours of Wapping at night by residents. We need to set a good example.  Education |

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