

DC's update 05<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Fellow Scouters

I hope you have all had a good summer. I will be producing periodically a 'DC's Update' to keep you advised of how the transition to the new Bexley District is progressing.

The new District Team met for the first time in the middle of July to set things in motion. Since that time the DDCs have started to make contact with people who are active in their particular areas of responsibility such as ADCs, GSLs and members of various event management teams. The DDCs will now start to build their teams of ADCs and District Leaders but this will progress as the months go by and I do not anticipate that all of the positions on their teams will be filled for some time. Now that the DDCs have had some time to consider their respective areas and will shortly be advising me of their preferred structure. As soon as we have finalised this I will notify everybody in another update.

I apologise for the deafening silence during August. Unfortunately due to the civil disturbances at the beginning of August I have been somewhat professionally engaged. My absence caused a loss of momentum which the District Team are now working to address. As a result we held a meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August and worked late into the night to ensure that the transition gets back on track.

One key area that must be completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> of October is the transition of executive administration from the existing Districts into the new District. There will be a Transitional Executive meeting on the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September. Details of the time and venue will be circulated shortly. This group will be made up of the DCs and officers from the Executives of the current Districts and the new District Team. We have most of the information that we need from the four Districts to enable the Transitional Executive to set a budget for the next six months and the District levy for the 2012/13 year. During the Transitional Executive meeting we will also discuss and take into account any administrative matters related to any of the current Districts.

We have now set the date, 8pm – 10pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, for the inaugural EGM of the Bexley District Scout Council. Again details of the venue will be circulated shortly. In the mean time we need your help as we only have one volunteer for the role of District Secretary and no current volunteers for the role of Treasurer. Both of these roles are key to the smooth running of the District. If you know anybody who has the knowledge and capability to do these roles and may be willing to volunteer please let myself or another member of the District Team know by e-mail prior to the end of the month.

We are still looking for ideas for the new District badge and scarf. Ideas are welcome from youth members and adults so please send them to one of the team so that they can be considered at the Transitional Executive meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September.

We do not have official e-mail addresses for each member of the team yet. So please feel free to send any communications for members of the team direct to me and I will forward them on.

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