



Greater London South East County Scout Council



East Wickham & Welling District Consultation Thursday 25th March 2010

Question – How will the Fellowship change?

- The DC is sending out a consultation paper to ask how we want to run it – either as a District or attached to Groups. The Active Support Group is there to support Groups and this will not change.

Question – Where are the extra people going to be found to fill the gaps in the District Team?

- Where the Districts combine people from other Districts could fill the gaps. Not all gaps will be filled.
- We are thin on volunteers but there will be a bigger pool of people when combine.

Question – How many Groups will be in the cluster groups?

- No decision has been made yet.
- Need to look at different ideas.

Question – how will the AAC work?

- All AAC chairs will meet to discuss how best to work the AAC going forward.

Question – Will the County structure be the same? There has been no mention of training.

- This will have an impact on training. The Training team will be having meetings with Ben. He would like to see more LTMs.

Question – How was the decision made to change the Boundary?

- It came naturally from Croydon.
- In July 2009 there was a consultation/review and questionnaires were sent out to members of the Districts.
- Because it worked in GLSW it was decided to do the same in GLSE.
- It is a natural step as other charities/organisations follow the local borough lines.

Question – Query how the decision was made.

- Questionnaires were sent out but no proposal.

Question – Is the timescale realistic?

- April was decided upon as it is the start of the new financial year.
- Not too worried if it goes past April.
- The County Team do not want to drag the process out too much.
- It will be reviewed regularly.



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Question – Why will the District be called ‘Borough’?

- It is more professional and Councils will understand who we are.

Question – What will happen to the Explorers?

- There will be no change if do not want it.
- Scouting will be no different.
- Trustees may change if it is a District Group.

Question – Will GSLs have a say if they get put in a cluster they do not want to be in?

- GSLs are key in this change and County will work with them.
- No research has been done yet regarding cluster groups.

Question – Do we have to change our mindset and forget our loyalties which have been built up over the years? District events won't work now.

- You may be in different clusters but you can work across cluster groups.
- Do appreciate that loyalties may change.
- Can do cluster heats and then have a Borough District Final.
- Good District events will be kept.

Question – The people who run the current events will not be working together so the event may not run as well.

- The events will not be diluted.
- Pro – side to this is that good events will continue and spread to other clusters.
- People are getting caught up in cluster groups. They are mainly administration support for the Groups.
- You can still work together as EW & W community.
- There are no solid boundaries for clusters.

Question – District Executive meetings?

- The Change Manager will start with this.
- District Executive Chairs are being invited to regular Breakfast meetings with the DCs.

Question – Are we expected to start paying staff to administer the bigger Borough?

- No – we are a voluntary organisation.
- There may be a decision in the future that there is a need for a paid administrator due to the work load.

Question – If there are 2 clusters close together and one is doing lots of events and the other one is not doing any events then the young people will soon find this out and move to the better cluster. Communication between clusters?

- This happens now at Group level.
- We need a good Borough Commissioner with good communications.
- There will be an Events Team who will be supporting all clusters.