

## **Leith Conference**

### **Leith Alliance - Day 2**

#### **Assembly/Alliance/Federation/Development Trust**

Oversight body of some kind, potential to host a 'Community Planner', Leith 'masterplan', establishing a vision and strategic engagement with CEC and local business; supporting efforts to bring in necessary finance/partnerships/resources.

#### **What would it do?**

- Identify assets, build on existing knowledge bases:
- Which groups work in which areas? Can they work better together?
- What buildings/land are important to Leithers? Consider community interest option on these.
- Co-ordinate a collective voice for Leith.
- Support place making and mediate developers and community (education on both sides)
- Provide forum for existing groups to come together to effect change

#### **Next steps**

- Set date for next meeting
- Discuss and decide initial form of organisation – informal voluntary association or constituted group?

#### **Additional notes**

- What are the boundaries of Leith? Coterminous with existing political boundaries?
- What should the organisation be called? Assembly, trust, alliance, what else?
- Needs to be democratic and accountable, to consult widely, to talk long term to developers and create positive relationships, to be pro-active not reactive, to be independent but include community councils.
- Asset mapping – be ready to take them on when opportunities arise.
- How best to work with existing organisations in a non-threatening way?
- Register of all groups in Leith – what do they do and what are the gaps?
- New layer of local government coming in – could work with development trusts.
- Who initiates and manages a Place plan?