



## Minutes of HHF Committee Meeting

15th July 2020 8pm Via Zoom

### Attendance

Present: George Hornby, Robert Holden, Jonathan Barry, Mike Colvin, John Frankland, Harry Winter, Nick Paul, Garrett Mears, Marina, Jasia Warren.

Apologies: Mary Burguieres, Beth Taylor, David Taylor

### Check all participants successfully dialled

Everyone could hear but John Frankland's video was not working for some of the meeting

### Conflict of Interest declaration

No new or known conflicts of interest were noted or declared.

### Approval of May, June Minutes

The Minutes from May and June were approved.

### Computers for Schools Project

Jasia explains that as of 10<sup>th</sup> July, 75 devices had been donated and of these, 28 have been returned to the school for students. Those that were unable to be fixed have had their parts recycled. Jasia seeks thoughts on next steps. Partnering with another school would be ideal but it depends to a certain extent on the technology company's willingness to continue. Robert and George agree they should be paid, especially as we have spent well under the £500 budget to date.

**ACTION: Jasia** to contact St Martin in the Fields school, Evelyn Grace school and ask if they might like to participate in Computers for Schools

**ACTION: John** to contact St Saviours to see if they may be interested

### Station Hall

George welcomes Marina who applied for the Treasurer role and is interested in Station Hall. Nick explains there is a meeting with David Statham on 16<sup>th</sup> July to discuss possibility of a lease. The application to become a "foundation model" CIO will be sent soon and is waiting for Carolina (the third Trustee) to sign. The application can take up to 5 months to process currently. Robert would like the documents to be circulated and is surprised at the low cost of £27.

**ACTION: Nick** to send the CIO docs to the committee once submitted

Robert has seen Jasia's documentation about the Fire Risk Assessment work and is satisfied with progress. Jasia says the works are nearly completed and South Eastern will give the team Fire Warden training. Robert is concerned about the franchise running out and Mike wonders what impact that would have on their ability to grant a lease.

**ACTION: Nick** to report back on the likelihood of a lease after the meeting with David Statham

### Town Centre

#### Planters

Jasia explains that the planters have not been watered during lockdown understandably and the plants have died. Also people sit on the planters and squash the plants. She suggests either asking local people to donate plants or buying some cheap plants to put in the Autumn and trying spikes.

**ACTION: Jasia** to trial 2 or 3 planters with plastic spikes to see if it deters people from sitting

**ACTION: Jasia** to look into replacing dead plants in the Autumn either via donation or buying them

## Cycling & walking

Harry updates the Committee that the Railton Road Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) scheme has been installed and Dulwich Village has a new square. Ideally Southwark and Lambeth should link up to form a LTN travel network between Brixton centre and Dulwich square

## Piano

Without a way of constantly sanitising the piano, the Committee agree that it should be shut for the foreseeable future.

**ACTION:** Jasia to make and print a sign to go in the frame next to it explaining why it is shut

## Herne Hill Tourist Board

George introduces idea of the "Herne Hill Tourist Board" to target local consumers and people from outside the Borough to shop in HH. George thinks it would need a critical mass of at least 5 shopkeepers. Resolution passed unanimously: to try to get a core of interested traders working together for fun projects to increase footfall in Herne Hill. George will be the Committee Sponsor and it requires no budget at the present, just Jasia's time. Robert praises past projects by Giles such as the bridge murals and banners and reiterates that traders need customers not tourists.

## Websites

Jasia explains that the Drupal noticeboard website is not functioning properly but we cannot afford the £11,000 quoted to update it. A decision needs to be made soon about its future.

**ACTION:** Jasia to set up a SurveyMonkey to ask people about their use of the website

**ACTION:** Jonathan and Marina to have a look at both websites and send feedback to Jasia

**ACTION:** Jasia (or Alison?) to write a newsletter about: Computers for Schools, Lambeth walks, launch of the new website, SurveyMonkey about old website

Jasia asks if anyone is interested in learning how to add content into the new website.

## Railton Rd LTN

Committee agreed last month to fund Railton Rd LTN up to £1500 in three stages of £500. Giles has spent £620 of his own money and sent invoices and an expenses form for the Forum to reimburse him. Discussion about process and how Giles was asked to write a project proposal before spending money. **ACTION:** George to let Giles know that the Forum will pay his expenses to date but henceforth Giles should inform the committee of his plans for approval before spending any money.

Robert wants to encourage local organisations to apply for funding from the Forum for worthy projects. George proposes that the Forum prepares an application process for a local small grants scheme up to £1000 that people can apply for via the website. Robert seconds and it is voted for unanimously. Mike is keen that the Forum actively seek funds for the future.

**ACTION:** Jasia to produce a small grants form for approval at next meeting

## Future Meeting Dates

Everyone agrees that we should revert to our previous schedule of having meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 8pm. George notes we have no meeting in August and having asked opinions it is decided that the September meeting will be held on Zoom with a review after that.

## AOB

Once the CIO application for Station Hall has been completed, George will look at setting up the Forum as a CIO, possibly as a different model.

Robert has formally complained about the dangerous park gate by Rosendale Rd.

**ACTION:** Robert to tell the Norwood forum about the dangerous park gate

Robert received a leaflet from mutual aid group, Herne Hill Solidarity Fund. They may be interested in applying for our small grants fund in the future.

George proposes Marina as a Committee member, Nick seconds and she is welcomed to the Forum.