



Herne Hill Forum Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 20 April 2021, 8pm, via Zoom

Present

Committee members: Sian Dragonetti, Maude Estwick, George Hornby, Robert Holden, Beth Taylor, David Taylor, James Leabeater, Nick Paul, Hazel Watson, Harry Winter
Potential new committee members: Giles Gibson, Peter Hore, Fred Taggart
Contractors: Alice French, Jasia Warren

Apologies

Carolina Fox, John Frankland, Tricia Keracher-Summerfield

Check all participants successfully dialed in & able to see/hear/talk

Everyone was able to see, hear and talk

Declarations of interest

Jasia is friends with the artist Mr Dane who will be working on the substation frontage.

Minutes from the last meeting / Matters arising

The committee approved the minutes from the last meeting on 16 March 2021.

The committee approved and ratified all minutes from committee meetings in 2020.

Item	Summary and actions	Responsible
1	Diversity in Herne Hill Forum	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lambeth would like us to become a more inclusive and diverse organisation. It would be useful to find out what the criteria are that this will be measured against.Action: George to speak to Lambeth to find out more and get someone to present to us about it.	George
2	Small Grants	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Application from Patrick at Brixton Advice Centre, for £500 to buy five ergonomic chairs for staff at BAC.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Application from Claudia at Park's Edge, for £500 to buy plastic foliage to cover the wall above the restaurant, to prevent recurrent graffiti there.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Various points raised: Do we need to budget/plan our response to small grant applications, what happens if more people ask for the same thing/s, can we fund them all? We wouldn't usually give money to a for-profit enterprise, however in the case of Park's Edge there is a community benefit, which is stopping the graffiti. It shows support for Norwood Road traders, and we want to engage more with them. It's a shame that it's plastic foliage rather than real plants.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Both applications approved – all agreed.Action: Jasia to respond to the applicants.	Jasia
3	Substation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Arch Co. has engaged a local graffiti artist, Mr Dane, who has	



	<p>experience doing murals. He will collect local facts, stories and ideas to capture what people want to see on the front of the substation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasia has sent him links to Flying Boots, Herne Hill Society etc. • The mural on Gallery 198 is now complete. 	
4	HHS Local Walks grilles exhibition	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasia is in touch with the Herne Hill Society, there are some issues with transferring the map images from the book to the posters. However, work has started on this. 	Jasia
5	Healthy Herne Hill update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is ongoing by Bespoke, who are looking at how the junction can be reconfigured to benefit pedestrians and cyclists. They are going to produce two schemes which can be shared, and look for feedback on them. Hopefully these will be ready by the next meeting. 	James, Harry
6	Volunteers – hours report and Rosie	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were a lot of volunteer hours in March due to the AGM – lots of preparation and over 110 people attended. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosie is leaving her role as Volunteer Coordinator. The committee was asked whether anyone would be the first point of contact for people who want to volunteer with the Forum – no offers. Rosie’s work will be divided between the Officers and contractors for now – may ask the committee again at a later date. • Action: Alice, Jasia and Rosie to do a Volunteer handover 	Alice, Jasia, Rosie
7	Herne Hill Community Fund	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fred described his proposal for a Herne Hill Community Fund – a local fund tapping into local goodwill and private resources to raise money, and making funds available to local charities and small groups. The idea is that this would be run by the Herne Hill Forum once it is set up as a CIO, as we would then be a reputable and local charitable organisation that people would trust to manage the scheme. • The committee agreed this was a positive idea and they support it in principle. • Action: Fred to write up a project plan and circulate to George, Beth, David and Giles in the first instance. 	Fred, George, Beth, David, Giles
8	Chariots of Fun proposal to purchase trailers	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chariots of Fun scheme offers one month free rental of a bike trailer to people with children age up to 6 years. There was a low-key launch in March 2021 and we have had 19 enquiries since then. • We have partnered with Peddle My Wheels who will supply the trailers and arrange the bookings. However they haven’t got enough trailers and the booking system is not optimal. • Giles requested additional funding of £1,600 to purchase up to four trailers to add to the stock available for loans (4 trailers x £400 each). It is hoped that some people will want to buy a 	Giles



	<p>trailer after they try it, if so, we could sell the trailer to them and re-coup some of the cost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various points raised: Bike trailers are great and we want to encourage them. The scheme has a positive environmental impact if we can get people out of cars and onto bikes. If we sell the trailer on to someone after they try it, how much will we sell it for, will we make a loss? We need more information about Peddle My Wheels (financial reporting) – if we give them the additional trailers, might they just get lost in their system? If we buy and own the trailers, and these are lent out to people, does our insurance cover this activity? There is insurance through Peddle My Wheels but it is likely to cover trailers that they own, maybe not trailers that we own. • £1,600 available to Giles to buy trailers, request approved: 8 for, 2 abstain, 0 against. • Action: Giles to check whether our insurance covers us to lend out trailers. 	
9	Norwood Road	Jasia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of ideas to redesign the streetscape on Norwood Road, with the aim to improve the environment for pedestrians and increase footfall. One suggestion is creating small parklets outside a couple of shops. • It is important that plans are led by input from the local traders. • There is funding available from the Thames Water fund (following the flood in 2013). There is approximately £40,000 left in that fund. • It would be great to show support to Norwood Road and work to improve that area. • There will likely be some difficulties relating to removing parking spaces. Also important to make sure any plans work with the new road layouts that will be proposed as part of the Healthy Herne Hill project, and that the segregated cycle lane is protected. • Action: Jasia to speak to Norwood Road traders, let them know we are thinking about this and get their ideas. 	
10	Neighbourhood & Wellbeing Delivery Alliance Loneliness project	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herne Hill Forum has been invited to a meeting about a local loneliness project on 21 April at 5pm. No one able to attend. 	
11	Halloween 2021	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of possible plans for a Halloween celebration later this year. At the moment Lambeth Events Team have a blanket 'no events' policy, and it's not clear what the situation will be in October. • It would be good to get a team together to work on this, including people outside of the committee. Sian and Jasia will think about options, what tasks could be done by other people etc. • Budget discussed – in 2019 we spent £3,000, in 2020 we spent 	



	£350 (as everything was online).	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget of up to £3,000 approved – all agreed. Action: Sian and Jasia to start thinking about this. 	Sian, Jasia
12	Commercial rubbish bins / BinGo revisit	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a problem with rubbish in Herne Hill, lots of large bins in the street. The BinGo project (2014) worked to get traders to stop using individual large bins, and all use the same waste collection contractor, who collected once a day. This kept the amount of rubbish in the street, and the number of waste collection vehicle movements, to a minimum. It has been seven years since this project and the problem has returned. Action: George and Jasia to re-visit BinGo and see what could be done now to reduce the amount of rubbish in the area. 	George, Jasia
13	AOB	
13.1	Pigeon deterrent under the railway bridge	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network Rail has finished the work at Herne Hill, but not elsewhere, and they are going to put the pigeon netting up everywhere once all works complete. Discussion around different types of pigeon deterrent and how effective they are – netting is not the most effective method. It might be possible to get the Arch Co. to contribute towards the cost, as they have a small empty unit under the bridge which is not currently rented out (possibly because of all the pigeon poo). Action: George to raise with Network Rail that we would like a solid, physical barrier against pigeons, not netting. 	George
13.2	Photo of Hazel for the website	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: Alice to get in touch with Hazel to take a photo for the website 	Alice, Hazel

Next committee meeting – Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 8:00pm via Zoom