



Herne Hill Forum Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 14 December 2021, 8pm, via Zoom

Present

George Hornby (chair), Robert Holden, Beth Taylor, David Taylor, James Leabeater, Harry Winter, Garrett Mears, Peter Hore, Fred Taggart, Giles Gibson, Jasia Warren, Alice French

Apologies

Nick Paul, John Frankland, Jim Davidson

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

Everyone was able to see, hear and talk

Declarations of interest

None

Minutes from the last meeting / Matters arising

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

Item	Summary and actions	Responsible
1	Finance update and five year strategic plan	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jonathan has not responded to any contact from us and therefore we do not have his formal resignation and we cannot get him to sign to remove him from the bank mandate. He has not expressed any interest in continuing the role either.The committee discussed how to proceed with this, given that Jonathan is not engaging with us. It was suggested that we speak to the bank and ask them what they would need from us to support our request to remove him from the bank mandate.The committee voted on two resolutions:Resolution 1: Remove Jonathan as Treasurer. APPROVED: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstain.Resolution 2: Remove Jonathan from the Co-op bank mandate. APPROVED: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstain.Action: George or Nick to speak to the Co-op, explain the situation and find out what they would need from us to remove Jonathan from the mandate, in lieu of his signature.	George, Nick
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">We would like to start thinking about a strategic plan for the Herne Hill Forum. Various timescales were suggested – five years and three years – and the committee agreed to go for a three year plan.Action: Alice to send a list of current projects to committee members, everyone is to rank these in order of priority.	Alice, all
2	CIO application update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Our CIO application is still 'in process' on the Charity Commission portal.	
3	Station Square – maintenance, new shops, bridge pigeons	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are broken paving slabs outside the Arch Co. shops on Railton Road. The Arch Co. are aware of it and think that Thames Water caused the damage. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New shops are opening up on Railton Road. There is a new Sicilian Deli, and Katya has bought the old Bet Fred shop. Katya's hairdresser salon will move to that unit and she is opening a new deli where the hairdresser currently is. There are still two empty Arch Co. units. They have offers from traders so they should be filled soon. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pigeon poo under the bridge. George has contacted the borough officers and cllr Jim Dickson but there is no response and no movement on this issue. The suggested next step is for everyone to email cllr Jim Dickson, every time there's pigeon poo or mess under the bridge. More pressure, and sharing photo evidence, might work to get things moving. Action: Everyone to email cllr Jim Dickson with photos of the pigeon poo under the bridge and say that we need pigeon deterrents installed ASAP. 	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two street bins have been removed from Railton Road (one outside the vet, one outside Off The Cuff), and two more have been removed further up Herne Hill (one outside Londis, and one by the bus stop next to the car wash). There is a lot of litter in Herne Hill anyway and removing bins makes the problem worse. It is not clear why they have been removed. Action: George to ask the local councillors why the street bins have been removed. 	George
4	Reimagining Herne Hill junction	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bespoke meeting was arranged for 30 November 2021 but was cancelled last minute due to illness. This will be rearranged for January 2022. Action: James to rearrange the Bespoke meeting. 	James
5	Community Tent 2022	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning work has begun for the community tent in 2022. We plan to run it once a month in the colder months, and twice a month in the warmer months. Ideally we would run this fortnightly, however we would need one or two more committee members to be involved for us to be able to do this. The committee members who currently contribute to this are Mary, Peter, Beth and David. Action: Alice to consider the feasibility of running the community tent once a fortnight throughout the year. 	Alice
6	Hustings	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee agreed to hold the hustings event on Thursday 28 April 2022. We will include Dulwich Village ward (Southwark, 2 seats) and Herne Hill ward (Lambeth, 3 seats). The Greens have confirmed three candidates from Lambeth, other parties have been informed but have not responded yet, which is to be expected. 	Alice, Giles, George, Peter, Jasia



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was suggested that we could ask a local school such as Charter North if they would want to do the tech side (particularly managing zoom and live streaming) as a media studies project. There is £300 funding available from the LFN to each forum to support hustings events. The next steps are to book the hall, agree a budget, and create a project plan in order to deliver the event. Action: Alice to book the Baptist Church hall. Action: Giles to write a wish list of what we need and a cost estimate. Action: George to apply for £300 LFN funding. Action: Peter to ask Southwark whether they have any funding available for hustings. Action: Jasia to write a project plan. 	
7	Retrofit Herne Hill	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 'Retrofit Herne Hill' event is proposed for May 2022. It is imagined as four seminars, possibly evening lectures held over four weeks. We will find out whether our funding bid was successful in January 2022. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Another, complementary, event was suggested, also for May 2022. This is 'Herne Hill 2030' and is envisioned as a full day market in Station Square, on a Saturday, with local traders, businesses etc who are genuinely working towards a 'carbon net zero' future. The event will be about how we, as a community, are going to live and work together in the future, and what we need to do locally. Action: Giles to put together a list of traders and companies who we would like to be involved with 'Herne Hill 2030'. Everyone to send any suggestions to Giles for the list. 	Giles, all
8	Cycling and Walking project	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chariots of Fun bike trailer project is going well. The slots get booked up and we are operating in line with the available capacity at Bicyclenation, who fit the trailers for us. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Walking Crocodiles project has been less successful. The aim was for local primary school parents to set up and manage walking buses, with our support. However, both schools and parents are very stretched and they don't have the resources to give to this. There is a new idea to do a big push once a week, called 'Walking Wednesdays'. We need additional resources to take this forward (on top of the funds previously received from TfL) – approximately £2,500. It will still focus on primary schools and aims to include both state and independent schools. Proposal: To fund the next year of the Walking project up to £2,500. APPROVED: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstain. Action: Giles, George and Kate to take the Walking Wednesdays project forward. 	Giles, George, Kate



9	AOB	
9.1	Defibrillator	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dulwich Society has made a map of defibrillators in the local area. It says there is one in Herne Hill station, but there is not one there. Action: Robert to inform the Dulwich Society that there is no defibrillator in Herne Hill station. Action: Jasia to collect the defibrillator from Robert. 	Robert, Jasia
9.2	'Sunset Over Herne Hill'	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Herne Hill Society has published a new book 'Sunset Over Herne Hill' which is about the influence of south London on John Ruskin. It is highly recommended. 	
9.3	Thameslink train capacity at Herne Hill	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Thameslink trains going through Herne Hill have been reduced to 2 trains per hour. This is supposedly a temporary change until Christmas, but it is concerning, given the frequency had already been reduced from 6 to 4 trains per hour at the start of the pandemic. The 2 trains are not evenly spaced, so the gaps are 15 minutes and 45 minutes between trains. There has also been a reduction in services from North Dulwich station, with trains to Crystal Palace and Beckenham Junction running every 90 minutes or not at all. We should complain about this, to ensure it doesn't become a permanent change, and that the Thameslink frequency at Herne Hill is restored back to 6 trains per hour. The committee discussed whether this would be best dealt with through Govia Thameslink, local cllrs, Helen Hayes MP or Marina Ahmad AM. Action: James to write a paragraph summarising the issue of Thameslink train frequency reduction at Herne Hill and send it to George. Action: George to raise this issue with Marina Ahmad AM. 	James, George
9.4	George stepping back from Herne Hill Forum responsibilities	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> George has been Chair of the HHF for nearly 4 years. He is away over Christmas and has book writing commitments in January, so he has less time to give to the HHF. From January 2022, he will be asking other committee members to step up and take responsibility for various aspects of HHF work. Action: All committee members to consider whether they would like to be more involved in the running of the HHF, whether this is with specific tasks, areas of interest, or to put yourself forward for the position of Chair. Please let George know your thoughts. 	All
9.5	People's Piano	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> James knows a local resident who is willing to open and close the piano, and he thinks that others on his road may be keen. CCFM have said they can open and close the piano on Sundays when they are running the market. It would be good to open it, even if not everyday. We can start 	James, Jasia



	with some regular sessions and make sure the opening times are well publicised.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action: James to put the local resident who is willing to open and close the piano in touch with Jasia.• Action: Jasia to arrange for the piano to be reopened.	
9.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy Christmas	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas, restful break, and good health for 2022.	

Next committee meeting – Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 8:00pm via Zoom