



Herne Hill Forum Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 18 January 2022, 8pm, via Zoom

Present

George Hornby, Robert Holden, Beth Taylor, James Leabeater, Harry Winter, Tricia Keracher-Summerfield, Nicholas Paul, Giles Gibson, Garrett Mears, Peter Hore, John Frankland, Jasia Warren, Alice French, Chris French from Lambeth Links (first part of the meeting only)

Apologies

Jim Davidson, Fred Taggart, David Taylor

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

Everyone was able to see, hear and talk

Declarations of interest

Jasia is the Chair of Friends of Dog Kennel Hill Woods (re. Lambeth Biodiversity Forum)

Minutes from the last meeting / Matters arising

The committee approved the minutes from the last meeting on 14 December 2021.

| Item | Summary and actions | Responsible |
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| 1 | Introducing Lambeth Links for future collaboration | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chris talked about Lambeth Links, which is the new LGBT+ community forum for Lambeth. They are looking to reach out and work with other community groups to improve opportunities and outcomes for LGBT+ people in Lambeth.HHF committee members introduced themselves and shared various ways in which we could work together, such as offering space at the Community Tent, community notice board, projects, linking to local organisations such as Mighty Hoopla and local schools, and reviewing project plans.James also stated that we are looking for more diversity within our committee members and that if any Lambeth Links members lived in Herne Hill and were interested, we'd be keen for them to join us.Action: Alice to send summary of suggestions and contact details to Chris from Lambeth Links for future reference. | Alice |
| 2 | Connecting with other organisations (eg Lambeth Biodiversity Forum) | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lambeth Biodiversity Forum's first meeting is on 26 January. Jasia will attend on our behalf. Beth is also interested but cannot commit to attend regularly.Action: Jasia to attend the Lambeth Biodiversity Forum meeting and send the committee a paragraph summary of how it went. | Jasia |
| 3 | Finance update | |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have got quotes from two accountants to do the bookkeeping and annual accounts for the 2020/21 financial year. Nick will continue to do payments, and we will get an accountant to do the bookkeeping in Quickbooks intermittently, and to produce the next annual accounts. • It might be possible to link the bank account to Quickbooks directly, which would save time on the bookkeeping going forward. • Ruth still has access to Quickbooks and has been helping with setting up new logins. • There have been difficulties with the Cooperative Bank, and the committee discussed possible alternatives. HSBC was suggested however a number of committee members are against using them for ethical reasons. • Action: George, Nick and Jasia to arrange for an accountant to complete the 2020/21 bookkeeping and annual accounts. | George, Nick, Jasia |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee discussed the financial situation given the summary figures provided. There is a clear requirement for a Treasurer to have an oversight of this. We need to understand what funds are ring fenced, what is needed for necessary work, and what else we have to spend. • There was no income in the last 7 months which is why it was not included in the summary. However the finance review should also include our income, which comes from the market operator CCFM and Lambeth Forum Network (LFN). • Action: Alice, Jasia and George to review funds currently held in the bank account, establish what is ring fenced, what is required for overheads, and what is left. | Alice, Jasia, George |
| 4 Strategic plan / project prioritisation / funding & grant tracker | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee discussed the project prioritisation list and concluded that it is not a useful way to decide which projects to take forward. • One suggestion is to start with projects that are already funded, then what could be funded, and to prioritise projects in this way. This approach would be informed by the finance work detailed above. • Another suggestion is to create a big vision and strategic plan for Herne Hill, and seek funding to implement it. Having a big vision will help us to secure funding. • We will create a funding and grants tracker, this is an internal piece of work that records what grants we apply for and what funds we receive. • Action: Jasia to create the funding and grants tracker. | Jasia |
| 5 Stepping into Stories | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stepping into Stories has secured funding from the Arts Council to cover the full cost of the festival. Therefore they will not | Alice, Jasia |



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| | <p>require the £5,000 funding from us that was approved in the October 2021 committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are still supporting the festival by offering both Jasia's and Alice's time as needed. • They are looking for volunteers. Any committee members who are able to volunteer are encouraged to do so. • Action: Alice and Jasia to support the Stepping into Stories festival as needed. | |
| 6 | Computers for Schools | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around 120 laptops were donated and given to the Charter School North Dulwich as part of this scheme. They were very grateful for these, however, there's not really a need for it now. • Community Tech Aid is a Brixton based charity that collects old devices and distributes them to those in need. They have recently set up a collection point at The Parlour café in Herne Hill. • Therefore, it is suggested that we close this project and refer any future donations to Community Tech Aid. • Proposal – close the Computers for Schools project. Approved: 11 for, 0 abstain, 0 against. • Action: Jasia to close the Computer for Schools project. Jasia and Alice to share this information via the newsletter and social media. | Jasia, Alice |
| 7 | Defibrillator | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasia collected the defibrillator from Robert and has found out the following: the battery has run out, the pads have expired, and the warranty expires in March 2023. A new battery and pads costs £314 inc VAT. We can't know for sure whether it still works without getting a battery and testing it. • If it works, the Co-op on Norwood Road is willing to have the defibrillator in their shop. • The committee feels it would be more worthwhile to Crowdfund for a new defibrillator for Herne Hill, rather than spend money on this one when the warranty runs out next year. • A few years ago, a person who might have been saved by a defibrillator, died in Herne Hill. The family raised funds for a defibrillator. The committee does not know where it is. The person who raised the funds is Katie Shaw. • Action: Jasia to speak to Katie Shaw to find out about the previous defibrillator fundraising and where it is located. | Jasia |
| 8 | Hustings | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasia has put together a project plan for the Hustings, with a budget of £1,400 including contractor time. • We will apply for £300 from Lambeth Forum Networks, and the Dulwich Society may be willing to contribute towards the cost. • The committee discussed the possibility of seeking commercial sponsorship for the event, and felt it was better to avoid this. • There is a Hustings planning meeting on Thursday at 2pm. | Jasia, Giles, George, Peter, Alice |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposal – budget of up to £1,400 to pay for Hustings. Approved: 11 for, 0 abstain, 0 against. ● Action: Jasia, Giles, George, Peter and Alice to continue working on Hustings. | |
| 9 | Reimagining Herne Hill Junction - Bespoke meeting | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Bespoke presentation was postponed due to James and then Jon (from Bespoke) having covid. This will be rearranged for a Tuesday evening at 8pm. ● Action: James to arrange a new date for the Bespoke presentation. | James |
| 10 | Santander bikes | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is in principle support for the extension of Santander cycle hire to Herne Hill, from Lambeth and Southwark councilors, Helen Hayes MP, Marina Ahmad AM, and Lambeth council. No response from Southwark council yet. ● Marina Ahmad is the GLA Assembly Member for Lambeth and Southwark, she has asked to meet us for a walk around in Herne Hill. The committee discussed what to include in the tour. Suggestions are: Station Hall, Herne Hill junction and the issues we currently have there, the market (maybe visit on a Sunday). It would be good to raise the need for public toilets, especially as there is a market. ● Action: George to arrange a date for a Herne Hill walk around with Marina Ahmad AM. | George |
| 11 | AOB | |
| 11.1 | CIO update | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We received an update on our application today. There was some missing Trustee information. This will be provided to the Charity Commission tomorrow. | George |
| 11.2 | Community Tent | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The HHF committee members attending upcoming dates are: ● Sunday 6 February –Mary and Peter ● Sunday 6 March - Beth and David. ● The Get Rid of and Donate stuff has been removed from the lock up. | |
| 11.3 | Pigeon poo | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This is ongoing. Network Rail has not been particularly helpful. | |
| 11.4 | Train frequency | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Helen Hayes MP wrote a letter about train frequency reductions across south London. There has been no response to this yet. | |
| 11.5 | Safer Neighbourhood Team | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The current priorities for the SNT in Herne Hill ward are drug dealing, bicycle thefts and vehicles speeding on Herne Hill Road and Milkwood Road. | John |

Next committee meeting – Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 8:00pm via Zoom