



## **Herne Hill Forum Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday 20 September 2022, The Florence

### **Present**

Peter Hore (Chair of meeting), Nick Paul (Secretary), Robert Holden, George Hornby, Giles Gibson, James Leabeater, Beth Taylor, Hazel Watson, John Frankland, Mary Burguieres, Maude Estwick, Alice French and Jasia Warren.

### **Apologies**

Sian Dragonetti, Fred Taggart

### **Declarations of interest**

None

### **Minutes from the last meeting**

Approved and already on the website

### **Matters arising**

None

### **Resignations**

The committee noted that Harry Winter had resigned as an officer and a committee member on 31 August 2022 and Tricia Keracher-Summerfield had resigned as a committee member on 9 September 2022. Nick Paul resigned as an officer and a committee member at the end of the meeting on 20 September 2022. The committee thanked all of them for their service over the years.

### **Future of Herne Hill Forum**

The committee discussed a note prepared by George Hornby on the future of the Forum and a note prepared by James Leabeater and Fred Taggart on the Forum becoming a CIO and agreed that:

- Since George Hornby and James Leabeater were willing to act as Treasurer and Vice Chair, the role of Chair should be shared on a rotating basis by other Committee members and the role of Secretary be shared by at least two people to be more outward facing as well as covering the essential admin function.
- Responsibility for projects would be divided between the Committee and Subcommittees. Once approved, each Subcommittee will manage its own affairs until completion of the relevant project. The Committee will retain responsibility for approving Subcommittees, the maintenance of completed projects like the murals, train, planters, supporting Station Hall and public meetings (hustings, park festivals, etc). Subcommittees will deliver (for example) Community Tent; Retrofit HH; Reimagining HH; Walking & Cycling; the Halloween Party (in 2023, if possible)
- The Forum will stop undertaking projects which are either unfunded or are not volunteer supported or led.
- James and Fred will draw up new draft purposes with the aim of re-filing the CIO application.



- We will hold the AGM in December 2022 by which we hope to have amended purposes to be approved.
- James and George will pull together a 12 month budget and 3 year financial forecast.
- Together we will recapture the bonhomie of the past.

### **Appointment of new officers**

The Committee unanimously appointed George Hornby as Vice Chair and James Leabeater as Treasurer.

### **Alice French's reduced role**

The Committee noted that Alice wished to reduce her involvement to the community tent; bookkeeping and social media. Her other tasks will need to be carried out by committee members/volunteers. The Committee thanked Alice for all her hard work.

### **Community Tent**

The Committee noted there would be a sub-committee made up of Mary Burguieres (Committee Sponsor), Peter Hore, Beth Taylor, David Taylor and Alice French, running the tent every fortnight.

### **Finance Update**

The Committee agreed that the officers could open a new bank account as the Co-Op account is very difficult to administer. Nick Paul will handover finance responsibilities to James Leabeater. The Forum is currently solvent but will need to raise new funds for new projects going forward. George Hornby and James Leabeater will seek to recover outstanding sums in relation to the Market.

### **Retrofit Herne Hill**

This is a very timely project which Giles Gibson and Jasia Warren are taking forward, with the aim of an event before the end of the year. A survey has been sent out to our mailing list. More volunteers would be welcome.

### **Reimagining Herne Hill**

This has been quiet over the summer but will be taken forward over the next few months.

### **£2,500 grant to Station Hall**

This grant was approved at the meeting on 18 May 2021. The committee agreed it could now be paid to Station Hall to assist the negotiation of their lease.

### **Other business**

- Walking and Cycling project: Helen Pickering is the new contractor.
- [Herne Hill Society Excellence Awards](#): members of the committee were asked to consider nominating individuals for these awards.
- The Forum has asked to take part in the Carnegie Library Winter Fair on 26 November 2022 and agreed to do so.
- Robert Holden is leading a heritage walk on Saturday.
- There is a new Lambeth Forum Network coordinator and the committee agreed to ask her to come to a meeting.



**Next committee meetings:**

18 October 2022 [later changed to 25 October 2022] 8pm

15 November 2022 8pm