



Herne Hill Forum Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 17 January 2023, 8pm, at The Florence (Lupino Room)

Present

Peter Hore (Chair of meeting), George Hornby (Vice Chair), James Leabeater (Treasurer), Giles Gibson, Robert Holden, Clive Rates, Jasia Warren.

The following non committee members also attended: Irene Kimm and Nigel Thorpe.

Apologies

Mary Burguieres, John Frankland and David Taylor.

Minutes from the last meeting / Matters arising

The committee approved the minutes from the last meeting on 15 November 2022.

Item	Summary and actions	Responsible
1	Welcoming new committee members	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone attending the meeting, including the new committee members, introduced themselves. 	
2	AGM draft minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that the AGM draft minutes should include (a) suggestions as to how the accounts might be improved and (b) suggestions in relation to the Forum's governance. 	James to circulate further draft prior to next meeting
3	Pollution monitors	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giles explained that Claire McDonald has managed to negotiate for the provision of 4x air pollution monitors from Aeternum which will be installed around Herne Hill. The intention is that the monitors will permit the collection and publication of real time pollution levels. In order to take this forward, a budget (essentially for Jasia's time) needs to be approved. Beth suggested that Giles write a news article on this for the benefit of our membership. James suggested that where possible the data be published alongside a link to feeds for relevant street cameras, so traffic levels can be seen. Laura said her daughter had done a school project into pollution levels in Herne Hill and she would look into whether it might assist. 	<p>Giles to propose budget.</p> <p>Giles to draft news item.</p> <p>Laura to consider her daughter's project.</p>
4	Finance	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> James reiterated that as set out in his note to the AGM, the finances of the Forum are not in a healthy situation. 	James to draft note on membership fees



	<p>We have around £50,000 in the bank account, of which £10,000 or so is ring fenced, and for at least the last 3 years we have been running consistent deficits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects will need to be funded, where possible from alternative sources of funding. • It was suggested we consider charging some form of membership fee to increase funds. • Clive agreed to consider the issue of what accountancy professional guidance might be available to how accounts for a forum of our sort should be prepared etc. • Laura agreed to research machines for card donations. 	<p>Clive to consider relevant accountancy guidance</p> <p>Laura to research machines for card donations</p>
5	Herne Hill Kids' Lit Fest, 30th Jan - 5th Feb 2023	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George explained that the festival had funding difficulties this year and had asked for £5,000 grant. • It was agreed that the festival is an excellent venture and exactly the sort of thing the Forum should be supporting; but that £5,000 is too much. £2,500 was agreed. • Giles suggested that after this event has concluded the Forum should discuss with the organisers how to fund it in a more sustainable way next year. 	George to email festival organisers
6	2023 subcommittees: Halloween, Town Centre, Reimagine Herne Hill and Community Tent	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee confirmed the appointment of subcommittee leads: Sian (Halloween); Jasia (Town Centre); James (Reimagine Herne Hill) and Mary (Community Tent). • Clive offered to help with the Halloween event. 	
7	Retrofit Herne Hill	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retrofit Herne Hill events take place on January 18 @ 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm (“Why bother to retrofit?” and “General energy saving tips”); January 23 @ 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm (“Retrofit: from start to finish” and “Planning consent (what needs it, what doesn’t)”); January 29 @ 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm (“Sources of heat” and “Solar power”) and February 2 @ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm (“Retrofitting older properties” and “Insulation dos and don’ts”). • There has been great interest: events are largely sold out • Giles thanked Jasia for her tireless work for these events. • Giles explained that although Dulwich Estate had initially agreed to attend an event, they had now pulled out. Irene and Clive agreed to try to contact Dulwich Estate. 	Clive and Irene to contact Dulwich Estate



8	Trader Survey	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In light of the number of closing businesses, and the difficult times, Giles suggested a survey of traders It was agreed that any such survey should be taken forward only if Herne Hill Traders Association were also involved; and that we should ask traders for positive suggestions about how to improve matters Irene and Jim expressed an interest in trying to take this forward with Jasia 	Irene, Jim and Jasia to report at next meeting on any progress
9	CCFM Community Levy	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> George has reached an agreement with CCFM that CCFM will pay £750 per month, starting December 2022, representing a monthly payment of £500 and £250 towards reducing the 20/21 balance. The monthly payment will go up to £750 if and when CCFM is permitted to increase the number of stalls back to 70. The situation with CCFM and the market remains problematic. 	
10	Re-imagining Herne Hill	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> James explained a number of people had expressed an interest in this project and he will circulate a note to those people. He is keen however to keep the group fluid so people can be involved with issues that interest them and not others. Immediate tasks include finding volunteers to help with: (1) finding and applying for grants for funding (2) data analysis eg in relation to Census 2021 figures (3) artwork, photography and design (4) school outreach and (5) trader outreach. James updated the committee on initial discussions with the Arch Company. 	James
11	AOB	
11.1	Lambeth Forum Network	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert updated the committee in relation to the LFN (see his email of 17 January 2023). Robert agreed to assist George with the application for the Lambeth Forum grant 	Robert and George to liaise in relation to application for grant
11.2	Tulse Hill CPZ	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irene explained that there was a consultation about a CPZ for Tulse Hill which she asked us to publicise on social media. 	Jasia and Irene to liaise
11.3	Tree outside Brockwell Park	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giles and Jasia will attend a meeting to discuss the tree outside Brockwell Park, which may need to be removed and replaced 	
11.4	George's sabbatical	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> George said he needed to take a 6 month sabbatical for personal reasons, and that Giles would act as co vice-chair in the interim. The committee thanked George and wished him well. 	
11.5	Southwark Cleaner, Greener, Safer Fund	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jasia explained Southwark had approached her to see if the Forum had funds to assist. The committee agreed it did not. There was some discussion about the Thames Water funds held by Southwark Council. 	Giles/George/Jasia to identify what if any Thames Water funds remain

Next committee meeting – Tuesday 21 February 2023 at 8pm