

SOUTH BANK & WATERLOO

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



Annual General Meeting 20 June 2013 Coin Street neighbourhood centre

Present:

Alistair Bigos, London Duck Tours
Angelica Mastrorlando, Black and Blum
Anna Desimo, Lower Marsh Resident
Antony Alexis, Redwood Resident
Audrey Webb, Whittlesey Street Resident
Barbara Zanditon, Pearman Street Resident
Carole Milner, Theed Street Resident
Caroline Bryant, Coin Street Resident
Charles Chan, Local Resident
Chris Bagot, Windmill Walk Resident
Daniel Pedreschi, Park Plaza Hotels
David Clarson, Westminster Bridge Road Resident
David Green, Westminster Bridge Road Resident
David Mills, Greet Street Resident
David Toothill, South Bank Mosaics
Deborah Nagan, Nagan Johnson
Dotte Cole, Local Resident
Fred Webb, Whittlesey Street Resident
Glenn Kesby, 1901 Arts Club
Helen Santer, Waterloo Quarter BID
Hugh Walker, Eden Caterers
Iain Tuckett, Whittlesey Street Resident
Jamie Wallace, Aquinas Street Resident
Jane Cheliah-Manning, The Cut Resident
Jenny Stiles, Waterloo Action Centre
Jill Hobday, Westminster Bridge Road Resident
John Langley, National Theatre

Supporting:

Ben Stephenson

Apologies:

Cllr Lorna Campbell
Donna Uden
Richard Bridge

John Rushton, Small Back Room
Judith Bryan, Stamford Street Resident
Judy Green, Westminster Bridge Rd Resident
Juliet Heap, Windmill Walk Resident
Ken Hamilton, The Cut Resident
Liz Clarson, Westminster Bridge Rd Resident
Louise Ostendorff, Cornwall Road Resident
Marina Thaine, County Hall Resident
Mark Riches, First Protocol
Michael Ball, WCDG
Michael Johnson, Nagan Johnson
Michael Wolfers, Local Resident
Mike McCart, Southbank Centre
Mike Tuppen, Ufford Street Resident
Milko Ostendorff, Cornwall Rd Resident
Nicole Wevers, Lentaspace
Peter Truesdale, Bishops Ward Cllr
Philippe Weyland, Lower Marsh Resident
Robert Haywood, Dodson Street Resident
Robin Dahlberg, White House Resident
Sandy Lloyd, WCDG
Sue Dalton, Local Resident
Ted Inman, SBEG
Tim Pollard, Pearman Street Resident
Vicky Woollard, Pearman Street Resident
Vin Vara, Toolshop Group
Vincent Marks, Westminster Bge Rd Resident
Vivienne Legg, Edward Henry House

Observing:

Kate Johnson, LB Southwark

Ashley Hargreaves-Smith
Giles Goddard

1. Ted Inman opened the meeting and offered to Chair on the basis that SBEG had been offering administrative support. Given that the constitution suggested that SBEG would continue to administratively support the process, he would not seek the office of Chair in the long term. Those present agreed to TI chairing the meeting. Apologies were noted as above.
2. TI gave an update of the process to date. Under the direction of those who attended the first meeting on 24 April, SBEG, as administrators of the interim Neighbourhood Forum applied to the Boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark to seek a formal designation of the area for the purposes of writing a neighbourhood plan. It is imperative that this application is quickly followed by an application from a properly constituted South Bank & Waterloo Neighbourhood

Forum to be the group to lead on writing plan. Delaying submission of this application could lead to the local Planning Authorities needing to undertake statutory consultation process consecutively rather than concurrently.

3. The eastern section of the neighbourhood (between Hatfields and Blackfriars Road) is currently designated to the Bankside Neighbourhood Forum. Southwark Council has agreed to consider the South Bank & Waterloo application 'without prejudice', stating that the boundary could be amended should there be a compelling reason to do so following consultation on our boundary. It is suggested that one such reason to amend the boundary would be the relative levels of local support and consultation undertaken in this 'area of overlap'.
4. TI explained the rationale behind elements of the constitution. It was noted that the constitution was based on a standard form approved by the Charities Commission, which is a requirement of Southwark Council in designating Neighbourhood Forums. The constitution contains powers that may never be needed and consideration was given to removing them, however advice from experts Community Matters suggested that significant changes to its structure should not be made which could compromise the Charities Commission approval.
5. The constitution also dictates the basic relationship between the Forum and its Steering Group.
6. The meeting endorsed the membership classes which had been agreed in outline at the previous Forum meeting. The meeting also agreed the arrangements for elections to the Steering Group from each membership category and the balance of interests in the neighbourhood which that captured, excepting a change in the arrangements for elected representatives.
 - 6.1. In the case of the involvement of political representatives in Steering Group matters it was agreed that further consultation would be undertaken with Cllr Truesdale to agree a non-voting participation arrangement (see 9.4 below).
7. The meeting discussed the relationship between the Steering Group and the Forum and agreed that the input of Forum members not on the Steering Group could be adequately communicated, better informing the Steering Group. It was therefore agreed that a new clause would be drafted and added to Clause 9.
 - 7.1. It was agreed to circulate the proposed new wording for comment by Forum members and to adopt the same procedure as with previous comments on the draft Constitution i.e. by inviting those who wished to comment to do so, and if necessary to arrange a meeting of those who had commented to resolve the issue.
8. The meeting agreed the Constitution subject to the following changes:
 - 8.1. **Clause 2**

It was agreed that the first and second Objects of the Forum should be re-ordered to highlight the prime purpose of the Forum i.e. the production of a Neighbourhood Plan as the first object.
 - 8.2. **Clause 4**

It was agreed to amend 4(a) and 4(b) (Classes of membership) to remove age restriction for members and to seek the greatest possible involvement of young people. However the age restriction of 18 and over would remain in place for Steering Group members as legal trustees.

8.3. Clause 7

It was agreed that the Forum should meet at least twice each year, with an additional reference in Clause 7 to state this.

8.4. Clause 9

It was agreed that elected representatives should not automatically be members of the Steering Group as currently set out in Clause 9(a)(iii). A clause would be inserted to reflect.

8.5. Clause 21

It was agreed to remove Clause 21 (a) so that changes to the Constitution do not require the agreement of a majority of the Steering Group and can therefore be effected by a two-thirds majority at a General Meeting as currently set out in Clause 21 (b).

9. The relationship between the South Bank Forum and the South Bank and Waterloo Neighbourhood Forum should be understood and set out. It may be appropriate to use the South Bank Forum as an opportunity to update the community on Forum issues.
10. Interim Steering Group – TI explained that following an open call for volunteers for an Interim Steering Group, a meeting would be arranged as soon as possible to:
 - a) Make arrangements for the appointment of members to the formal Steering Group
 - b) Agree the application for Forum Status

It was agreed that the formal Steering Group should be formed as soon as possible.

11. There was no other business.