

**STEERING GROUP**

**Tuesday 10 December 2013**

**6:30pm – 8:00pm**

**Coin Street neighbourhood centre, Stamford Street, SE1**

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**Present:**

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| Mark Riches (Chair) | Ben Stephenson (Secretary) |                   |
| John Langley        | Vanessa Goodchild          | Christopher Bagot |
| Paul Dyson          | David Clarson              | Michael Johnson   |
| Teresa Collins      | Ken Hamilton               | Mike Tuppen       |
| Phoebe Greenwood    | Hasham Soliman             | Steve Taylor      |
| John Rushton        | Ian Caldwell               | Maxine Room       |
| Ted Inman           | Iain Tuckett               | Cllr David Noakes |
| Jenny Stiles        | Elly Rich                  |                   |

**In attendance:**

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| Yvonne Sampoh  | Ronan Clinton    | Tony Burton     |
| Carole Milner  | Robert Hayward   | Eileen Hamilton |
| Joseph O'Meara | Barbara Zanditon | Paul Ridyard    |
| Tony Cox       | Frank Watson     | David Mills     |

**Apologies:**

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| Juliet Heap  | Sue Pitman-Dalton    | Mike McCart    |
| Helen Santer | Cllr Peter Truesdale | Alistair Bigos |

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**-MINUTES-**

**1. Welcome and introductions**

1.1 Mark opened the meeting and thanked Park Plaza for hosting the meeting and the reception afterward. Introductions were made around the table.

**2. Minutes of the meeting 10 October 2013**

2.1 Actions were:

- a) Ted Inman to approach Mark Riches to ask him to take on the role of chair on an interim basis (COMPLETE)
- b) Ben Stephenson to seek meeting with Bankside to consider ways of working together (COMPLETE – productive meeting of 4 December to discuss a memorandum of understanding which sets out how the neighbourhoods will work together regardless of where the boundaries are ultimately drawn)
- c) Ben Stephenson to establish a campaign sub-group (COMPLETE - limited volunteers so campaign was conducted largely online)

- d) Ben Stephenson to circulate list of community groups to be added to by members (OUTSTANDING – circulation to follow meeting)

2.2 The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

### 3. Electoral matters

#### 3.1 *Release of voting numbers by candidate*

Some members have asked for the numbers of votes cast for each candidate in the steering group election to be made public. This was not an agreed part of the elections procedure agreed by the steering group and thus the steering group will need to vote on whether to release them.

A vote was taken: 16 votes in favour, 2 votes against.

**Action: BS to release the numbers of votes for each steering group candidate to SoWN members.**

#### 3.2 *Filling of vacant seats and election of officers*

Following the vote at the last steering group to expand the size of the steering group, 4 vacant seats have been created in membership categories 2, 3 and 4.

Paul Ridyard has volunteered for the vacant place in category 2 (people who work in the area) and Westminster Square Residents Association have put themselves forward for the vacant place in category 3 (Representatives of housing coops, residents associations etc).

It was agreed:

- a) BS to circulate by email a list of vacant places to the members in the appropriate membership categories for distribution by colleagues to seek further candidates. In the case where there are more volunteers than places, an election will be held for that membership category.
- b) The communication should also include the email addresses of their existing steering group representatives. BS to arrange for steering group to be supplied with SoWN email accounts.
- c) The streets in which steering group members reside should not be shown on public documents
- d) Since the steering group is not yet complete, it is preferable to fill officer places at the next steering group meeting on 4 February. Members should think about whether they wish to put themselves forward for any of these roles and contact Ben to discuss. If more than 1 candidate emerges for any of the roles, the steering group will vote.

### 4. Plan Themes: a report back from thematic discussion group

4.1 Tony Burton, Christopher Bagot and Barbara Zanditon reported back on a meeting held to discuss the development of the neighbourhood plan. A key point was made which emphasised the need to develop a broader vision prior to identifying the

themes in the plan, allowing the whole community to put in their own words what they saw was good and bad about the neighbourhood before distilling into areas upon which to focus.

- 4.2 Barbara set out the benefits of neighbourhood planning from the perspective of community cohesion and inclusivity. John Rushton said that the process should concentrate on identifying the concepts and emotions at the centre of the debate rather than the facts or solutions of planning.
- 4.3 Different techniques (questionnaires, online surveys, events, photographic competitions etc) may be applied to understand the views of different communities (residents, workers, commuters, students, tourists etc)
- 4.4 Iain Tuckett said the area should be thought of in historical context – questions such as ‘how would you like the area to be thought of in ten years time?’ should be asked. Jenny Styles agreed that the story of the neighbourhood should be understood to understand how it had changed. The Coin Street Heritage Project was a good resource.
- 4.5 Ted Inman said that a great deal of data had been collected over the years by different agencies which could underpin the plan – The South Bank Partnership’s Manifesto, IPSOS MORI poll and census could provide some context.

## **5. Statutory consultation: next steps**

- 5.1 Ben to give update on the Councils’ decision making process, thanking those who had responded to the consultations run by Lambeth and Southwark. The consultation has now closed and decisions – on whether to designate SoWN and the neighbourhood boundary) are expected in early February.

## **6. Any other business**

- 6.1 There was no other business. Those present were invited to remain for the Christmas reception.