

ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES 2022

January 2022

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1.0 Introduction

This year there are two Annual Reports for South Bank and Waterloo Neighbours (SoWN). This one which covers the activities of the Trustees, and a further one which covers the activities of the Steering Group.

The Trustees retain the responsibility for the Governance of SoWN including managing its finances and the Steering Group has delegated responsibility from the Trustees to set policy and manage the delivery of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Trustees are able to report that following the Referendum in 2019 and the end of the pandemic, SoWN continues to develop as an organisation and in its role a contributor to the life of the local community as it takes forward the Neighbourhood Plan and the principles underlying the Plan.

John Langley
Chair

2.0 Overview of the year

SoWN continues to operate as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Its constitution was drawn up, based on a Charity Commission model, with the following objectives:

To further the following exclusively charitable purposes for the public benefit within the area defined by the Neighbourhood Development Plan approved in 2019 for the South Bank and Waterloo neighbourhood (“the area of benefit”):

- 1) To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit.
- 2) To educate the public in the geography, history, natural history, culture and architecture of the area of benefit.
- 3) To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features or areas of historic or public interest in the area of benefit.

SoWN continued to work in the area in the three broad areas established by the Steering Group.

1. Review Planning Applications in light of SoWN’s Policies
2. Enlist local views on Planning Applications generally on behalf of Residential and Business Communities, and to **support developments that protect and enhance the character of the area, the environment and the public realm.**
3. Co-ordinate/Consult/Represent views of Residential and Business Communities more generally on current issues

To conduct this work it was agreed to establish Working Groups in the same way as in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan.

The following Groups have been formed

- Governance
- Planning
- Environment and Greening
- Development Funding
- Communications and Membership
- Local History

The Trustees met six times during the course of the year. It considered the paid administration and executive support needed by the Steering Group to fulfil its function, topics for the South Bank and Waterloo Forum and how SoWN increases its membership and representation of the community as a whole.

The Trustees also organised the Hustings for the local elections in May 2022, and has since developed a good working relationship with the elected councillors.

The Trustees are pleased to note particularly the continuing work of the Planning and Environment Groups over the course of the year in encouraging a wider debate over planning issues and application, and in encouraging a greater understanding of the environmental issues in support of the London Borough of Lambeth's policy of net zero carbon by 2030.

During the course of the year SoWN also played a significant role in the development of plans for Emma Cons Gardens and a Retail Strategy for Lower Marsh.

It is also a member of the Lambeth Forum Network.

A fuller description of the year's activities is found in the Annual Report of the Steering Group.

APPENDIX 1

Trustees

The Trustees appointed in June 2021 are

Suat Binkaya, David Clarson (secretary), Giles Goddard, Michael Johnson, John Langley (chair), Carmelita Lee, Hannah Quigley (vice chair) and Max Weiner (treasurer).

APPENDIX 2

Income and Expenditure Statement

Financial Period 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022

INCOME

Total income C/F	14,615.93
Clapham Park Project Bid	<u>2,990.00</u>
	17,605.93

EXPENSES

Ionos (web hosting)	25.20
Thia Consulting	38.83
Payroll	2,059.84
SoWN Management	<u>100.00</u>
	2,223.87

Net Operating Surplus c/f	<u><u>15,382.06</u></u>
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