

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12th September 2024 from 17.30 at Park Plaza, Riverbank

Minutes

Present - Giles Goddard (Chair), David Clarson (Secretary), Chris Bagot, Suat Binkaya, Marilyn Evers, Ken Hamilton, Robert Hayward, Tim Hollins, Bushra Iqbal, Michael Johnson, David Kesby, Carmelita Lee, Roger Manning, Jenny O'Neill, Richard Wollard

Apologies for absence – Max Weiner (Treasurer), Georgia Ashwell, Michael Ball, James Bird, Jackson Bylett, Liz Clarson, Paul Cons, Cllr Sarina De Silver, Nic Durston, Warren Forsyth, David Hopkins, Ted Inman, Issa Issa, Nathan Jones, Dan Kujawski, Harrie Norton, Joe O'Meara, Hugh Player, Cait Saunders, Mike Sprinz, Emily Steadman, Jenny Stiles, Cait Saunders, Liz Sillett, Rachel Tomlin, Adrian Trett, Mike Tuppen

1.0 Welcome – Giles Goddard (Chair) welcomed all present to the fourth AGM of SoWN. He declared the meeting quorate (the Constitution requires the greater of 10 or 10% of the membership). He went on to explain that the AGM will deal with those items required by the Charity Commission, and the responsibilities of the Trustees. There will be a further meeting to review the Annual Report of the Steering Group.

2.0 Minutes of the AGM held on 10^h June 2023 – circulated after the meeting and again before the meeting
Approved

3.0 Review of the Annual Report – circulated before the meeting

3.1 The Adoption of the Annual Report was proposed and approved unanimously.

4.0 Accounts for period ending 31st December 2021 – circulated before the meeting

4.1 In the absence of Max Weiner (Treasurer) the 2022/23 Annual Accounts were presented as set out in the Annual Report to the meeting.

4.2 The Adoption of Accounts was proposed and approved unanimously.

4.3 It was noted that the 2023/24 Annual Accounts are ready to go to Independent Examination. Mohammed Ali of Skyleaf is being appointed as Independent Examiner.

4.4 It was again noted that securing future funding was vital for SoWN to performing its role in the Community.

5.0 Activities of the Steering Group over the last year

Whilst this will form a separate report, the Chair highlighted the following activities which SoWN had either led or been part of

Meetings

Steering Group meets 4 times a year

Trustees meet 4 times a year

SoWN Groups or groups SoWN is involved in meet as required

- Developer Funding
- Lower Marsh
- Planning
- Net Zero
- Green Spaces
- Emma Cons
- Community Assets
- Communications

South Bank and Waterloo Forums

4 held in year

Newsletters

Every 4 to 6 weeks

Grants

Lambeth Forum Network - £5,000 (Lower Marsh Vision/Outreach/Website upgrade)

Health and Well Being - £45,000 (various local groups)

NCiL - £1m (projects in Neighbourhood Plan)

London Eye – £60,000, just launched

6.0 Election of the Board of Trustees

6.1 One third of the Trustees are required to retire each year. Trustees are eligible to serve for three consecutive three-year terms.

6.2 Carmelia Lee and Max Weiner retired, by rotation. They both offered themselves for re-election.

6.3 Bushra Iqbal and Liz Sillett had been nominated as Trustees.

6.4 The Election of the above four Trustees was proposed and approved unanimously.

6.5 The Trustees for the forthcoming year are

- **Suat Binkaya** – business representative (re-elected 2023 for a second term)
- **Michael Johnson** resident and business representative (re-elected 2023 for a second term)
- **David Clarson** - resident (re-elected 2022 for a second term)
- **Giles Goddard** – resident and community organisation representative (re-elected 2022 for a second term)
- **Carmelita Lee** - resident (re-elected 2024 for a second term)
- **Max Weiner** – resident (re-elected 2024 for a second term)
- **Bushra Iqbal** – community organisation representative (elected 2024 for a first term)
- **Liz Sillett** – business representative (elected 2024 for a first term)

5.6 The Chair said that suggestions of people, or offers to serve, as Trustees is always welcome.

7.0 Any other business

7.1 There being no further any other business the meeting closed with Giles Goddard thanking everyone for attending and their support. Without an enormous amount of volunteer commitment and time, and support by members, SoWN could not achieve all it does.