

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### South Bank & Waterloo Neighbours

**26th January 2021 from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. via ZOOM**

#### Minutes

**Present** - John Langley (Chair), David Clarson (Secretary), Giles Goddard (Treasurer), Simon Atkins, Chris Bagot, Martin Bailey, Eleanor Bentall, Suat Binkaya, Jan Cassidy, Megan Cassidy, Teresa Collins, Liz Clarson, Nic Durston, Marilyn Evers, Charlotte Gilsean, Eileen Hamilton, Ken Hamilton, Jeanie Harvey, Robert Hayward, Tim Hollins, David Hopkins, Susan Hyland, Adrian Hyyrylainen-Trett, Ted Inman, Michael Johnson, Carmelita Lee, Trish Lever, Averil Marks, Vincent Marks, Sally Marullo, Carole Milner, Ann Nichols, Ann O'Mera, Joe O'Mera, Jenny O'Neill, Mark Ormerod, Hannah Quigley, David Smith, Mike Spinz, Iain Tuckett, Mike Tuppen, Daniel Wagner-Hall, Max Weiner, Simon Wallace, Danielle Welch, Vicki Woollard, Ricard Woollard, Barbara Zandition and John (whose last name did not appear on the screen)

**Apologies for absence** – David Alpin, Michael Ball, Peter Ball, Susie Barlow, Lisa Bewick, Jeremy Cross, Nicola Desmond, Paul Dyson, Jerry Evans, Florence Eshalomi MP, Ali Mara, Abi Lewis, Cllr Jennie Mosley and Jenny Stiles

**1.0 Welcome to the 2020 AGM** – John Langley (Chair) welcomed all present to the first AGM of SoWN since the Referendum. In noting Abi Lewis' apology he said how welcome her role is to the area as Lambeth's Head of Programme Delivery – Waterloo & South Bank

**2.0 Review of the Annual Report** – circulated before the meeting

- 2.1 **Reflections on the Year** – John Langley reported that although SoWN's progress has been effected by Covid-19 it had still made great strides over a wide number of areas in its first year as a statutory consultee, and is well set for the future. He thanked all those who had made this possible.
- 2.2 **Membership** – Tim Hollins and Carmelita Lee from the Governance Working Group reported that steps were being taken to expand the membership of approx. 500 people by making contact with residents and business groups utilising their networks. Posters have been designed for local circulation and should be displayed once the current restrictions are lifted.
- 2.3 **Planning** – Chris Bagot from the Planning Working Group reported that the Group had been extremely busy dealing with both national and local policy issues as well as local applications ranging from changes to units in Lower Marsh to several larger developments including Hotels, Offices, Housing and Hospital buildings.
- 2.4 **Environment** – Jenny O'Neill from the Environment Working Group outlined the key activities of the Group mentioning the importance of maintaining Parks and Open Spaces and the Groups work on a Tree Audit, encouraging green walls and improving air quality.

2.5 **Local History** – Jenny O’Neill from the History Working Group reported that the recently established Group was looking at ways to record and publicise local history. New members to the Group would be welcome.

## 2.6 Questions/Discussion

2.6.1 A question was asked when Elizabeth House was due to start. Nic Durston reported that whilst the start of April 2020 had been delayed work was proceeding on the final negotiation of the sum contributed within the planning permission leading to a likely start later in the year.

2.6.2 The importance of Green Spaces being adequately funded from planning gain receipts was emphasised and it was reported that there are ongoing discussions by SoWN and other local organisations with the London Borough of Lambeth to ensure this happens.

2.6.3 It was also reported that in parallel with the Waterloo Estates planning application, Bourne Estates have agreed to fund a consultation and design for Emma Cons Garden. A Steering Group comprised of local groups and the local authority has been established and the consultation should start in the early summer.

2.7 The Adoption of the Annual Report was proposed and approved unanimously

## 3.0 Accounts for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – circulated before the meeting

3.1 Giles Goddard (Treasurer) presented the Annual Accounts in the Annual Report to the meeting

3.2 The Adoption of Accounts was proposed and approved unanimously

## 4.0 Election of the Board of Trustees

4.1 Tim Hollins from the Governance Working Group reported that the following had put themselves forward for election as Trustees saying they were a good representation of the area by either being from different parts of the SoWN area or from organisations of different sizes and roles.

- **New Trustees** - Michael Johnson (WeAreWaterloo), Hannah Quigley (Resident), Max Weiner (Resident)
- **Current Interim Trustees** offering themselves for re-election - Suat Binkaya (Park Plaza Hotels), David Clarson (Resident), Giles Goddard (Resident), John Langley (National Theatre), Carmelita Lee (Resident)

4.2 Each proposed Trustee briefly introduce themselves

4.3 The Election of the above as Trustees was proposed and approved unanimously

## 5.0 Any other business

5.1 Date of South Bank Forum – 18 February 2021

5.2 Next Steering Group - 4 February 2021

5.3 WCDG – 10 February 2021, when the proposals for the housing development in Wootton Street will be presented

5.4 There being no further any other business the meeting closed with John Langley thanking everyone for attending and their support