

Ham United Group – to include the Friends of Ham Lands at 7pm

AGM of the

Meeting to be held on Wed 28th August 2013, with FoHL AGM starting at 7.00 pm at The Little House, Ham Close. Take the first turning into Ham Close after the Children’s Centre on Ashburnham Road, and look for the Little House on the left. The link to identify the location of the Little House is <https://mapsengine.google.com/map/edit?mid=zA-3v6QXBalo.kc97NdD0YukA>

Item No	Agenda Item	lead	time
1	7pm: Chairman’s welcome and record of apologies for both the FOHL AGM and the HUG meeting	MB	5
2	Welcome to new members and recruitment item	MB	5
3	AGM of Friends of Ham Lands (2012 AGM minutes attached and accompanying wording) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introductions for both groups • agree minutes of FoHL 2012 AGM (attached) and Treasurer’s report (to be tabled) • opportunity for FoHL to consider their own future position in respect of membership with HUG (see notes below to accompany this agenda item) 	CR/MB	20
4	<i>The HUG meeting will continue with its agenda:</i> Approval of minutes 26th June 2013 and matters arising not otherwise on the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of British Aerospace meeting on 25.7.13 	All	10
5	Neighbourhood Forum update and arrangements for 10th September meeting	MB	10
6	Project updates – brief updates as available	All	10
7	AOB - please send items for information or other business in advance of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential Ham Close rejuvenation – item for information (see accompanying notes) • Community focused projects • Richmond Business Awards – nominate HUG? 	All AMP AMP	10

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3. CURRENT POSITION AND FUTURE OF FRIENDS OF HAM LANDS (FoHL)

Since the last AGM of the FoHL in May 2012 the small committee elected has struggled to carry out the routine tasks necessary for a group such as this to survive and thrive. Although two successful work days were organized with Richmond TCV earlier in the year and an article on Ham Lands promoting the group was published in the Ham and Petersham Magazine, the Treasurer / Membership Secretary had to withdraw due to work commitments and the group has failed to achieve any momentum. This can be seen in the inactivity on the website and Forum. An account opened with the Cooperative Bank has remained dormant and the financial position is as set out in the report to AGM in May 2012. In May this year the Chair and Vice Chair gave notice that they intended to resign with the implication that the group would fade away unless others came forward to take on the roles.

No one came forward to take up the positions but as the Ham United Group (HUG) already has the structures and technical support to take on many of these tasks, it has been suggested that working together, should free up time for those still interested in the Lands to focus their efforts on maintaining and managing this valuable open area.

To take this forward all lapsed or former members of FoHL and all those who have shown an interest in FoHL have been invited to the meeting of the Ham United Group on 28th August 2013, which includes an AGM for FoHL.

Within the broad sweep of the above summary it is proposed that members of HUG and FoHL work together over the next year with a view to FoHL being incorporated into the Ham United Group. During the year of working together, there would be no pressure for FoHL members to join HUG except in relation to physical work where membership of HUG would be necessary for insurance cover.

The process of working together has started with the invitation to attend a HUG meeting on 28th August to enable FoHL to decide if they wish to engage with HUG. Should they so decide then this statement, as amended at the meeting, will be posted on the websites of both organizations as soon as possible. Any such agreement will terminate, at the end of 12 months if no agreement has been reached between HUG and FoHL members who engage in this Working Together Process.

7. AOB - Potential Ham Close Rejuvenation

Richmond Council and Richmond Housing Partnership have been in discussion about the rejuvenation of Ham Close and the surrounding area. This forms part of Richmond Council's Uplift Programme and RHP's strategy to improve the quality of homes and communities for its customers.

We are considering a range of options that include the refurbishment of existing buildings through to possible redevelopment and regeneration of the wider area.

A lot of work still needs to be done on the viability of each option, and once we have concluded this initial piece of work we will come out to consult with the community.

We are considering many of the area's features, including the area's heritage and future potential. We are also aware of issues that may influence development proposals such as the highly valued open space.

We aim to conclude our initial viability work in the autumn, from when we intend to commence early consultation within the community.

