

HAM UNITED GROUP CIC -YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP-CARE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE

INCORPORATING PETERSHAM



Minutes of HUG meeting – Library Community Room Monday 26th September, 2016

In attendance:

Jill Lamb (chair), Ian Davis, Sue Gibbons, Justine Glynn, John Hatto, Jean Loveland, Pepe Medina, Brian Miller, Gloden Moore, Matthew Rees, Briony Rowland, David Williams, David M (name could not be identified), Penny Frost (secretary)

Apologies:

Sufiyo Andersson, Geoff Hyde, David and Judith Lawton, Andres Muniz, Mary Pitteway, Julia Rees, Chris Ruse, Chas Warlow, Richard Woolf

1. The minutes of the HUG meeting of 25.7.16 were agreed as a correct record.

Matters not otherwise on the agenda:

- **Apple Press at Ham Fair:** Jean confirmed that although the Apple Press was not used at Ham Fair this year, it is regularly used by groups throughout the year
- **Ham Convent update:** wildlife survey to be undertaken as a badger family has been spotted in the back garden of the Convent which may affect building plans
- **Ham Close update:** new proposed plans are expected to be shown at the 'pop-up' portacabin on Ham Close October/November. New date for next Stakeholders' meeting 12th October
- **Facebook and Twitter account management:** Matthew Rees explained his proposal to keep Facebook and Twitter for sharing news of events etc, and the HUG website for longer-term information, slightly complicated by several groups having web pages on the HUG website. Agreed that we will only expect to circulate information about HUG or environment related events, not be a noticeboard for all events taking place in the area. Matthew will circulate more detailed paper setting out his proposals

2. Financial report

- £14,914 in bank, including £9,100 Heritage Lottery Grant for the Oral History Project. All project money is now grouped. Jill to remind Andres that Makerlabs money should be transferred into HUG account asap

3. Teddington and Ham Hydro

- Very disappointing Court of Appeal ruling. THH is working on Mark 2 project and commissioning a new noise report. Proposals to go to the THH AGM for decision, but the new proposals may prove too expensive to be viable

4. Neighbourhood Forum

- All topics now completed, and an editor has been appointed to draw up the draft Plan by the end of October, for the Planning Group to launch for public consultation at February AGM. Following this, the Plan will go to council and statutory consultees and finally to referendum. The H&P Magazine will be used to ensure that this process is set out clearly to all residents

5. Oral History Project

- Launch on 30th September 7-9pm in the Library, with the intention of recruiting volunteers to record the oral histories of local residents, aiming to create an in-depth social history of the local area. Training for volunteers will be provided

6. Project updates

- **FoHL:** little to report on the reptile survey. **FoHL litter pick** on Ham Lands **10am Saturday 15th October** starting by TYM entrance – all equipment provided
- **Ham and Petersham Community Magazine:** chairs of HUG and HAG have had meeting with editor to discuss the magazine becoming more self-funding, as the cost to the local organisations buying space in its pages was intended only for the first year of the magazine, and is unsustainable. Jill has confirmed that HUG will continue to pay for community pages for the next two issues
- **Green Screen:** films all planned for the rest of the year, and all the films are up on the HUG/Green screen web-site. Sufiyo's last film is end of November, so a new co-ordinator will be needed for January
- **Green Drinks:** Green Drinks first meet up at New Inn was well attended with about 18 people, compared with between 6-8 people last year. Green Drinks now has page on website; thanks to help from Andres to set this up
- **Makerlabs:** RML is now open two days on Monday fortnights and every Tuesday. Updates can be found on their blog
- **Library garden:** The library garden was judged "Outstanding" by London in Bloom again this year, and received an award for biodiversity. But - more vandalism – the wires for the clematis to climb on have been ripped off the wall again, clematis broken & one of the 2 climbing hydrangeas broken off at ground level. Mary recommends replacing the wires with a wooden trellis nailed to the wall.

7. Other business

- Jill Lamb asked members if they were willing to add HUG's name to a letter to be sent to Richmond and Kingston Councils by the Tudor Area Residents' Association regarding safety at the Ham Cross junction. This was agreed subject to sight of the letter.

8. Meetings for coming months

- Autumn Amble led by Geoff Hyde on **Sat 22nd October** – details to follow
- Next meeting **Monday 24th October** – planning for AGM on Monday 14th November