

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

## INCORPORATING PETERSHAM



**Minutes of HUG meeting – Library Community Room  
17/02/2017**

### **In attendance:**

Helen Beedham, Jill Lamb (chair), Sue Gibbons, Briony Rowland, Gloden Moore, Andres Muniz Piniella, Jean Loveland, David Williams, Geoff Hyde, John Hatto, Mary Pitteway

### **Apologies:**

Pepe, Sufiyo Andersson, Penny Frost, Richard Woolf, Zoe & George Varnava

- 1. The Minutes of the HUG meeting of 16 January were agreed as a correct record.**
- 2. Financial report**  
Not available – will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Our next meeting will consider whether we should move our bank account from the Co-op Bank in view of its current problems.
- 3. Ham Close consultation update**  
The next update meeting will be on Monday (20<sup>th</sup>) with a smaller group of stakeholders. Jill cannot attend. Andres will be attending as a leaseholder & will represent HUG as well. Full update material is posted frequently on the web site (<https://www.hamclose.co.uk/>). Jill has recommended that the Neighbourhood Forum would be an appropriate group for future meetings with RHP, the Council & residents / leaseholders.
- 4. Grey Court Allotment & School Farm**  
No update at the meeting but additional information is now available. Construction of raised beds and compressed pathways is well underway (see attached photos). The fruit cage & shed are on order.
- 5. Project Updates**

### **Community Orchard**

Jean has met with the 'orchard man' . There are 4 possible sites under consideration:

- Sandy Lane near the playground,
- Riverside Drive,
- Between the 2 paths to the Lock,
- Near Beaufort Court.

The London Orchard Project have got Brogdale to graft some whips of local varieties. These will need to be heeled in. We have missed the cut-off date windfall funding this season. We will apply for the next cycle.

### **Neighbourhood Forum**

The Council has made a few comments on the draft. They are quite minor & a good working relationship exists between the Forum & the Council. There will be a meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information see the current issue of the Ham & Petersham Magazine. .

### **HAM Hydro**

Directors will call a meeting to update shareholders on March 29th.

## **Green Screen**

There are no dates yet for the next screenings but the handover is progressing.

## **Richmond Makerlabs**

Makerlabs is thriving and has some new members. A CNC drill has been acquired. Andres explained that a CNC drill can be described as the opposite of a 3D printer. Where a 3D printer extrudes an positive object that corresponds to a computer image, a CNC drill cuts out a shape that corresponds to a computer image.

The inventory of Makerlabs equipment continues to grow and some of it is quite valuable. We need to update the assets covered by our insurance.

## **Library Garden**

Signs of spring are beginning

## **HAM is Where the Heart Is**

This oral history project is well underway. 5 interviews have been done and more are scheduled for next week & thereafter. There are nearly 40 names on the list to interview. Transcription of the interviews that have been done has begun. The web site is progressing. The official exhibition launch will take place late in September.

## **Possible New Project**

It was suggested that we might map all the many footpaths and alleyways in Ham & Petersham. Andres knows of cartography apps for smart phones that can create maps & allow you to insert points of interest.

## **6. AOB**

### **For information:**

The Ham & Petersham Association are working on 3 ponds in Ham Common Woods for frogs & toads to use as breeding sites (to stop them getting killed crossing the road.) They are lined so should fill with rainwater. Spawn will be transferred into them. It will probably take 2-3 years of migration while the ponds mature.

The Environment Agency are proposing a project to remove some of the excessive infill on Hamlands to enable the area to function as water meadows (thus decreasing the likelihood of flooding.) This is under consultation now so is 2-3 years away.

Shrub clearance at Great River Avenue is under way using one of the Shire horses.

The river banks are almost clear of illegally moored boats. Those that remain are on Environment Agency land. The EA is working to evict them.

There will be a coffee morning at 10:30 on Tuesday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> for any groups who want to enter the Richmond in Bloom Best Village Competition.

Andres attended a meeting at York House last week for community groups.

## **7. Future Meetings**

**20 Mar, 20 Apr, 22 May, 29 Jun, 24 Jul, 24 Aug ?, 18 Sep, 19 Oct, 27 Nov (AGM)**