

**In attendance:**

Penny Frost (acting as Chair), Jean Loveland ( acting as Minute taker) Jose Medina, Sue Gibbons, Emma Dowsett, Margaret Woodrow, Geoff Hyde, Sufiyo Andersson, David Williams

**Apologies:**

Jill Lamb, Andres Muniz Piniella, Mary Pitteway  
Welcome extended to Emma Dowsett

2) The **Minutes** of the HUG meeting of 22 May were agreed as a correct record.

**3) Matters arising not covered by Agenda items**

Given some members were not present it was not clarified who if anyone, is still not receiving emails

Sufiyo confirmed she has booked space from 11/9 for her mindfulness project. She handed out a brochure. It is a different way to reach out to new people - Change the way you see the world

Q: What format would the evenings take? A: Start with meditation perhaps focusing on peace or environment. Q: is it going to be participation from the audience - yes at the end to reflect. Q: How long. A: about 1.30 hours – ending approx 9.15pm

Q: Any idea of numbers? A: not at the moment possible 5-10 people to begin with. She has booked and paid from September through to December. £3 per person.

Q: Would you like HUG to cover start-up costs and then pay back? A: yes please.

Pepe said there is not allocated money to the project, but could be a loan from the Admin account until paid back.

There is a potential clash from time to time with HUG meetings so there would be no meditation that evening.

**3) Financial**

Not much has changed

Allocation of funds from RHP – Rednap House still to be allocated. Jean will get in touch with them for bank account details.

This year we have not raised much money, but we have spent. Mainly on the ongoing projects

Balance - £11,883 but HIWTHI included balance of that project.

H&P mag and room hire are the main outgoings

**ACTION:** to follow up with the Directors to discuss at a separate meeting the cost of the magazine

Q: Magazine was expensive - are we still paying the same? There was some discussion with no overview outcome.

**ACTION:** Review the cost of participating and projections for 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Editors to be asked to provide a statement of accounts and forward plan to all contributors to show how close they are to becoming self financing.

**4) Ham Close update**

Not much of an update. Recent topographical surveys have been carried out

### 5) **Ham Fair update**

Feedback – there was an issue this time as the Rota was a bit stretched for HUG. Makerlabs were well manned. Is there anything we can do to ensure a solid rota next time round?

Questions posed: Perhaps word it differently and use the people running the projects

DO we need a stand? Perhaps use it as a platform for the projects

Did not have the apple press so suffered by not having a visual focus

Perhaps look at having an information sheets at the front of the stand

Much discussion and ideas.

**ACTION:** Item for February 2018 HUG meeting. Why we are doing the stall, what do we want to get out of it?

Feedback on the talk at Ham Village Centre (Royal Oak). Good place for an occasional meeting. Would have to ensure no confidential discussed due to 3rd party presence. Good to see inside and what they have done. It was suggested that perhaps the AGM could be held there.

### 6) **Projects**

#### *Neighbourhood Forum*

1 - Council have responded to the Draft Plan and made helpful comments. Going smoothly. Awaiting Council approval then will go to outside company for Audit

2 - Discussion with Electoral Department re date of the Referendum. Still to be sorted.

Thought it would be useful to have it on the same day as local elections.

#### *Teddington & Ham Hydro*

Not much change. Still looking at options

#### *Green Screen*

Simon Bailey is delighted with how the group is doing. Next film is Growth Busters – 17<sup>th</sup> September at 5h15. Details on the HUG website or [www.greenscreen-ham.org.uk](http://www.greenscreen-ham.org.uk). Sufiyo has completely stepped back, but is always available to step in if needed. Simon says 2 people have stepped forward to help co-organise GreenScreen with him

#### *Green Drinks*

Sue has stepped in to take it over and will be hosting it on a Thursday. She will see how it evolves with perhaps topic at each monthly meeting.

#### *Richmond MakerLabs*

Still going from strength to strength and has a variety of projects on the go including crafts.

*Library Garden:* One of the topiary trees has died and will need to be replaced. A strong person will be needed to dig it out. An email will come out

#### *Orchard*

Perhaps to come off the Agenda till the autumn. Grafted trees are growing well

#### *Grey Court Community Allotment:*

Ready to start over the summer holidays. Anyone interested to contact Mary

[mary.pitteway@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.pitteway@btinternet.com)

*New project from Emma*

New Member Emma lives on the Wates Estate under Ham Riverside Lands area. Her idea is to bring the community back together by helping to tidy the gardens of the elderly neighbours and clean alleyways. Perhaps monthly work to keep the gardens in tune with the whole estate and to work with the Board so as not to cause conflict. She has been awarded some start-up funding and will consider whether to ask HUG to set up an account for this project or to bank the money with HRL.

**AOB -**

David Williams will be presenting a couple of talks on the Waites estate as part of the Council's 'Know your Place' 27/9 3pm and 7pm at Richmond Library

**7) Future Programme**

It was unanimously agreed to remove August date

September meeting date to be confirmed

Geoff to do an apple walk on Ham Lands - 2pm on Sunday 1st October outside Tesco

**ACTION:** put on website

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