

**HAM UNITED GROUP CIC -YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP-CARE  
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***INCORPORATING PETERSHAM***



**Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Ham  
United Group at the Ham Library Community Room,  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Present: Jill Lamb, (Chair), David Williams, Jenny Parker, Briony Rowland, Gloden Moore, Gareth Richards, John Hatto, Daija Angeli, Sue Gibbons, Ian Bowden, Geoff Hyde, Sufiyo Andersson

Apologies: Carl Myhill, Mary Pitteway, Richard Woolf, Penny Frost, Matthew Rees, Andres Muniz-Piniella, Jean Loveland

1 The minutes of the 2017 AGM held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were approved

2 Chair's Report for 2018:

- During the year HUG has held eight meetings and one Directors' meeting.
- The meeting at the Palm Centre was particularly interesting.
- Green Screen continues, with good attendances.
- MakerLabs continues. It is a hive of activity including working with Remap for the disabled. They are included in the plans for Ham Close redevelopment, and it turns out that ownership of Little House was transferred to RHP from the start.
- The Library Garden has too few volunteers and it seems wise to employ someone for maintenance.
- Community Allotment chickens have moved.
- London in Bloom, won again, with special commendation for Geoff Hyde.
- Ham is Where the Heart is project continued, over fifty people have been interviewed
- The Neighbourhood Plan was accepted.
- Teddington and Ham Hydro project is regrettably going to be wound up.
- Ham Fair had a good day. It went well but HUG wants more volunteer helpers.
- Friends of Ham Lands is going well, especially for the butterflies.
- Community Orchard project is still looking for a suitable site. There seems to be some indecision.
- Ham Close redevelopment has had a quiet period, possibly due to local elections. The plan now is for around 450 properties and work is planned to start at the end of 2019.
- The Meditation Group is going well.

3 Treasurer's Report:

Jose was not present, but last week's Directors' meeting covered the details. The accounts for the year ended 30/04/2017 were approved by the meeting. They will be forwarded to Companies House.

4 CIC Report

The CIC report for the year was also approved by the meeting.

## 5 HUG Income

- There followed some discussion about finance for HUG. It was accepted as reasonable that 10% of the income of sub-groups should go to HUG administration.
- Geoff H pointed out that this could be problematical when applying for grants.
- David W reiterated the foundation of Ham & Petersham Association and the beginnings of Ham Amenities Group. He said that HUG needs to have a certain solidarity as an umbrella to our sub-groups, and recommended a membership fee.
- Sufiyo said we should widen our profile.
- Ian B suggested two layers of membership -free for casual members and a fee-paying one for the more committed.
- Geoff H said administration will use up all the membership income. The membership secretary's job will become very time-consuming if it includes chasing subscriptions.
- Jill pointed out that some of the sub-groups collect donations, there's a bit of income.
- Daija said that with the right communication, sub-group members can become interested in the benefits of HUG. The benefits provide value for the membership fee. It needs a working group to investigate ideas.
- Jill suggested a meeting in January to brainstorm ideas, to re-launch what we are all about. Also to start planning for this year's Ham Fair.
- David reminded us of the "Aims of the group", and pointed out what other local groups have achieved: Petersham Meadows, Ham SOS, ...
- Jill said HUG's focus can be summed up as "Community and Environment". She proposed we have meetings in Jan, March, July and Sept, instead of monthly.
- David said there's changes going on in Cassel Hospital and we could do something with them.
- Jill would like us to meet sometimes with HAG and HPA to co-ordinate. Can we tackle making Ham plastic-free?
- Gareth reminded there's plenty to be done by co-ordinating with the Council so that, for instance, the grass doesn't get cut at the wrong time.

## 6 Election of Directors and Officers:

- Four Directors are due to retire by rotation and offered themselves for re-election and were re-elected
- Mary Pitteway has stood down on health grounds
- Daija was proposed as a Director by Sufiyo and seconded by Jill and was elected unopposed
- Jill proposed to resign as Chair but was persuaded to continue for 'just one' more year. Sufiyo promised to put herself forward for the position of Chair next year.
- Pepe will continue as treasurer
- The post of Secretary is vacant and Jill will ask Jean if she will serve
- Andres will continue to be Membership Secretary

## 7 Any Other Business:

- Sufiyo will pair with Jenny (?) to do Friends of Ham Lands at the Ham Fair.
- **The next “brainstorming” meeting will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2019 at 8pm.**

Meeting closed at 9pm