

Minutes of SNBA Committee meeting 6.15pm at Sunstone Weds 12 March 2008

Present: Rosanne Berry, Sarah Graham, Julian Korosec, Bridget Pedgrift, Michael Sinclair, Anne Wilkinson

1. **Apologies:** Hamdy Shahein, Ian Aarons, Ricky Catwell,
2. **Minutes** of meeting of 6 December 2007 were approved.

The meeting welcomed Anne Wilkinson from The Tea Rooms and expressed the hope that she will become an active member of the SNBA committee.

3. Newsletter

Bridget is drafting a long overdue newsletter. Awards to be added in - could Sarah, Michael and Hamdy let her have details of their recent awards please. Non-member Veds Newsagents also recently won an independent newsagent award. Draft to go out to committee members for approval. **Action Bridget**

4. HEN meeting 13 Dec 07

Michael reported that HEN have asked us to host a talk with a guest speaker - ideas for possible guest speaker to be passed to Michael. We would supply venue, HEN would pay costs. **Action Michael**

5. Website

Stephen working on it - Bridget/Rosanne to follow up before he goes away for a year in April. **Action Rosanne/Bridget**

6. Business Recycling

Julian reported that this is an on-going issue for businesses with no obvious solution as Hackney Council are not willing to apply funding as they receive no financial incentives from central government. Businesses are not permitted to use domestic recycling bins so they end up putting all their recycling out with the standard waste, which is unsatisfactory for everyone.

7. StokeFest

Michael reported that the festival will take place on Sunday 8 June 2008 in Clissold Park as in the past few years. Organisers are still hopeful that the 2009 festival will be held (in part at least) in Church Street as it was in its early days.

8. Gyrotory

Questionnaire to be given to all businesses on the High St which are/will be affected by any change from one-way to two-way to establish exactly what issues traders feel need to be dealt with, aside from the obvious one of loading/unloading. Bridget will draft. **Action Bridget**

9. Capital Clean-Up

Bridget reported that Alex Henshaw of Stoke Newington Central Safer Neighbourhoods team is organising a clean-up day in Stoke Newington, with emphasis on graffiti removal. Weds 16 April will be an information day, with Environmental Enforcement hosting a stall on Church St outside William Patten School, followed by an Action Day on Weds 14 May when enforcement action will be taken for anything from graffiti to parking infringements to illegal use of A-boards etc.

Alex Henshaw suggested that businesses may want to purchase graffiti cleaning kits - £280 for a large kit, or smaller ones at £24. The meeting felt however that as business rates payers they are entitled to request the services of the graffiti-cleaning team at no cost to the individual trader, and would therefore not require additional kits. Bridget to email Alex. **Action Bridget**

10. Stokey Map

Sarah at Stoke Newington Bookshop is producing a hand-drawn local map which will list all the SNBA members and show their location on the map. Ian at Phillips and Phillips has agreed to get local estate agents to include the map in their handouts to people moving into the area. It is hoped the idea can be expanded upon once if SNBA can get a sponsor to fund a more detailed map. **Action Sarah**

11. Feedback on Xmas 07 events

- Late night shopping - not a great success.
- Carol singing in Church St - very successful, with SNBA supplying mince pies and mulled wine and Rev John Taylor from the Baptist church supplying carol sheets, music and a fine voice! Many thanks due to the FireStation for letting us use their kitchen and forecourt. Turnout was good.
- Santa - John Field from Church St Bookshop made a wonderful Santa and his fine costume was much remarked upon. His presence at the Carols in the Park session (with gifts in his sack supplied by SNBA) went down very well.
- Readings in Stoke Newington bookshop - very successful, and Santa's appearance topped it off.

12. AGM

Meeting decided to defer the AGM to May or June when we hope the website will be up and running, and the Stokey map will be completed.

AOB

- **Christmas tree** - Rosanne reported that Rupert will have a decent tree to replace the dead one with by the end of March.
- **HSBC** - Rosanne reported that HSBC have joined the SNBA and that they are keen to send a rep along to one of our meetings.
- Rosanne reported on a '**Bring your own bag**' scheme which a local woman Marian McAlpine is keen to promote in Stoke Newington as part of a scheme to make Stokey a plastic-bag free area. Rosanne will find out more and report back. **Action: Rosanne**
- Rosanne has also been approached by Tia from Tottenham who makes makes bags from recycled plastic
- she takes flimsy plastic bags, grinds them down and creates longer-lasting bags which can be printed with logos of shops, sponsors etc. Meeting agreed she should be invited to next SNBA meet. **Action: Rosanne**
- Sarah reported that the SN Bookshop will be hosting a '**Yum Yums experience**' to promote the new Yum Yums cookbook - this will be on Sat 12th April from 3-4pm with snacks and a demo of how to carve vegetables into exotic flowers.
- Cristina from Safer Neighbourhoods team will also be invited to attend the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Weds 16 April 2008 at 6.15pm at Sunstone