

## SNBA. Minutes of the Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

Present: Rosanne Berry, Sarah Graham, Anne Wilkinson, Bridget Pedgrift, Fae Graham, Julian Korosec and Guy Smith.

**Apologies** were received from Michael Sinclair, Ricky Catwell, Hamdy Shahein and Ian Aarons.

1. **Minutes of the Meeting** of 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008 were approved.
2. **Richard Bonshor, Waste Strategy Officer**, attended the meeting and discussed the Council's policy at some length. He reported that a trade waste analysis is being carried out and it has been found that half of the businesses do recycle, one way or another, and 30% of those use 'bring-to' sites or take it home. Julian asked what percentage of waste is domestic and what commercial. We were told that 61.5 % is domestic and 38.5% commercial. Of the domestic waste 22.65% is recycled. Rosanne pointed out that private recycling is cheaper for businesses, and RB explained that there are no government 'indicators' to tell local authorities what they should be doing. It is not cost effective for the Council to take commercial waste as their resources are taken up with domestic waste and they can't take on the extra cost of more crews and vehicles. On the other hand, there are now plans to handle recyclable waste, such as cardboard, in Ridley Road market, and provide bins there for food waste. The cardboard collection might be extended to other markets and in April a red bag scheme will be brought in in SN. If funding is available, the cardboard collection might be extended. Nothing will change before April.
3. **Woodcraft Folk** – Crispin Truman and a colleague attended the meeting to ask for support for the W Folk's 'Plastic bag-free day'. They represent an 11-14 yr olds group, who have been designing posters and are planning a day on 29<sup>th</sup> November, when they will attend the Farmers' Market and campaign against plastic bags. They are asking for shop-keepers' support in discouraging use. Bridget agreed to give them details of the BYOB project. A discussion ensued on progress with an SNBA bag, but Rosanne reported that nothing further had been heard from the banks on sponsorship. It was agreed that the WF should think about designing a bag, and that they would distribute posters and fliers for shops to publicise the day.
4. **Christmas** – Rosanne reported that a 15' tree has been ordered, which is worth £1000. The dead tree and existing shrubs will be removed and the tree planted. There is a new station manager, Paul Szemerej, at the Fire Station, who has agreed to plug in the lights if we provide a cable, but he needs a proposal in writing first for the carol singing, tree, mulled wine, etc. (they will heat up the wine). Rosanne will talk to him again and discuss watering arrangements.  
John has agreed to be Santa on 18<sup>th</sup> and will start from the Tea Rooms. Rosanne has some presents from last year, but Bridget will get some more, and will appreciate help with wrapping. She will find out if the bicycle rickshaw is available, and whether arrangements can be made to store it somewhere safely. Guy will re-use last year's posters (100) and flyers (500). Publicity will also go in N16, Hackney Gazette (if free) and Hackney Today. He will also do posters for late night shopping for Mon/Tues 22/23 Dec. As to Christmas lights, no further progress on communal lights, but Rosanne and Ricky are sharing Father Christmas on a bike.

5. **Plaque (for tree) and banner** – for SNBA sponsorship. Rosanne said a plaque would cost about £60, and will plan wording. A banner might cost £40 for one about 4 x 2ft in plastic. Julian offered to find other quotes. Guy will recreate a logo.
6. **Public liability insurance** – Rosanne has a quote for £235 p.a. Julian said he will check as well.
7. **Power failure** – Some traders have received £100 compensation for a day without electricity, but nothing for the hole in the ground preventing customers getting in, which has to be claimed on insurance. EDF's number for info is 0800 0284587.
8. **Gyratory** – it has been reported that nothing further is happening, but discussions will continue.
9. **West Hackney recreation ground** – is being redeveloped/improved. Although it is a bit out of our area, Julian felt it would good for the SNBA to be seen to support it. Rosanne will read the report again and see what we can do.
10. **New Members** – Fae has signed up 'Of cabbages and Kings', Mudfoot and Scruff and Halfords.
11. **Map** – Sarah has been round to see various people for their details and will report back next time.
12. **AOB** – Guy suggested we should compile a directory of reliable tradesmen, contacts, etc, which led to a discussion of the Stokey site, and Bridget thought we were entitled to have the images for our own use, as we've paid for it. She will ask for them to be sent to Guy, who will start to develop the site to link the businesses and set up a directory. Anne agreed to take on responsibility for Minutes from Bridget.
13. **Date of next meeting** – 2nd December 2008, 6.15pm at Sunstone.