

Minutes of SNBA Committee meeting 6.15pm at Sunstone Tues 2 Sept 2008

Present: Sarah Graham, Bridget Pedgrift, Michael Sinclair, Anne Wilkinson, Rosanne Berry, Fae Graham, Julian Korosec, Pam Coscan from Sams Cars

1. **Apologies:** Ricky Catwell, Ian Aarons, Hamdy Shahein

2. **Minutes** of meeting of 1 July 2008 were approved.

3. Streetscene – Rosanne reported on her ‘street walk’ with StreetScene from Hackney Council and members of Living Streets (David Farnham) and Stoke Newington Conservation Society (Mark Douglas) and Oliver from one of the cyclists’ organisations.

The new lamp-posts were discussed, which Andy Cunningham (StreetScene) is not prepared to remove. The group looked at street furniture generally, such as signs on lampposts etc .

The High St has yet to be inspected by the same group – however, street furniture on this road is the responsibility of TfL and not the Council, as it is a red route. Pam mentioned that the trees are an issue on the High St – this is also TfL.

Rosanne showed the meeting details of the Hackney Funding Programme – it was suggested that the SNBA apply for a grant to fund a year’s salary for a Town Centre Manager. See www.hackney.gov.uk/community-partnerships.htm

Also mentioned: CCTV cameras – very unsightly poles – can they be wall-mounted instead?, cycle stands – some are intrusive; lights at pedestrian crossings.
Rosanne will advise when next meeting is planned for.

4. Church St conservation area

Mark Douglas circulated a copy of an email he had sent to the Council in Jan 08 listing all the infringements and breaches of planning laws by shops on Church St, many of which are listed and/or are in the conservation area.

5. Stokey Map

Fae reported problems getting definitive details off shop owners for the copy to be included in the map. She will request people to complete the form in hard copy rather than asking them to email.

Delay also due to Guy’s family bereavement – he has been away a lot as a consequence.

6. Hackney Citizen

Very few businesses had actually had sight of the new paper, therefore it was unlikely that they would want to advertise in the next edition. Jo at Bookshop had requested details of the distribution area and numbers, but has not received any information.

AOB

- Michael reported on BNP material which had been sent in the post to Sunstone along with a Sunstone leaflet with a black woman crossed out. He has informed the police.
- CAP meeting 11 Sept – Rosanne will attend
- Business recycling – Ian Rathbone has taken this up and has been asking questions of Fiona Fletcher Smith’s department - Richard Bonshor Waste Strategy officer has been replying. It is clear the Council is prepared to implement certain business recycling such as cardboard and glass, but it will be at a cost to the businesses, not a free service. Other London boroughs which supply certain recycling options for businesses all have some kind of charge attached. The meeting agreed to invite Ricahrd Bonshor to the next meeting Action Rosanne
- Bridget reported that Bored on Board will be closing at the end of Sept. She agreed to continue in her role as secretary for the immediate future.
- Gyrotory – Pam enquired about latest developments. Bridget responded that David Vail has been chasing Jennette Arnold for an update.

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