

## **Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee**

**held on Tuesday 6 October 2020**

Covid-19 pandemic restrictions have been eased but social distancing rules for groups are still in force. The meeting took place via Zoom and was chaired by Rebecca Tee.

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

Attendees: Colin Wight (Chair, CW); Laurence Marsh (Vice Chair, LM); Martyn Hall (Treasurer, MH); Henry Ferguson (Secretary, HF); Rebecca Tee (Meeting Chair, RT); Rosalind Glover (Membership, RG); Val Suebsaeng (VS); Pat Roberts (PR); Carol Boucher (CB); Annie Gelly (AG)

Apologies: Jackie Plumridge (JP)

Guest: George Hornby: Chair, Herne Hill Forum

### **2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

The minutes, earlier corrected by email, were accepted as an accurate record of the September meeting and approved. All matters arising were discussed under the agenda.

### **3. Links with local organisations and events**

i. George Hornby, Chair of the Herne Hill Forum, outlined the purpose of the Herne Hill Forum. Their remit is to make improvements to Herne Hill for the benefit of its businesses and residents. They have a committee of 24 members and funds in excess of £100,000. There are three major projects they are currently pursuing: 1. Providing refurbished computers for schools; 2. Refurbishment of Station Hall above Herne Hill train station; and 3. Re-planning of the junction outside Brockwell Park to make it better for cyclists.

ii. There was an excellent recent online talk on 19 September 2020 about the history of the lost houses of Denmark Hill on the Lambeth side by LM and Ian McInnes. This was part of Lambeth Heritage Festival month, sponsored by the Herne Hill Society, and was a great success but, unfortunately, was not successfully recorded by Lambeth Archives.

iii. There have been no enquiries by potential Small Grants recipients and no possibilities identified currently. MH said he would contact the Miniature Railway in Brockwell Park to find out whether they were still operational and in need of support that had previously been offered. **ACTION: MH**

### **4. Magazine**

The magazine is delayed but will be completed and printed in a matter of days. This edition will be distributed by hand to members as the current virus restrictions allow for this. The initial print run will be 350/370. It was agreed that the aim is to publish the next hard copy edition early in 2021.

### **5. Publishing**

Stocks have been naturally run down as the Society's future had been in doubt. CW sent a brief paper on print runs and pricing. Comments to be sent to CW by next week. CW will soon relinquish the role of "Publications Manager". A job description will be written. RT and CB have provisionally volunteered for this role. The Society's AV equipment will need to be re-housed and a volunteer is sought to store it in dry conditions. **ACTION: CB/RT/CW**

## **6. General leaflet**

1,000 copies are being printed and will be delivered to RT. These leaflets are to be used as part of the ongoing recruitment campaign.

## **7. Recruitment**

Notes from the Recruitment Group had already been circulated. Once the general leaflet arrives Committee members can use it to deliver to friends and neighbours. Members of the Recruitment Group have offered help. The use of a promotional bookmark as part of the recruitment campaign was discussed and RT agreed to look into the printing/design costs. PR said he would look out any photos which could be used in the design. **ACTION: RT/PR**

## **8. Membership**

The report from RG shows that there are now 303 members, including 72 life members; 14 non-renewals; eight people who have informed us they do not have email and 29 for whom we do not yet have an email. Those people have been contacted and asked for their email if they have one and slowly we are acquiring their addresses.

## **9. Finance**

MH confirmed that August had been a quiet month and that, once he had received the September bank statement, he would produce and circulate a balance sheet covering the first nine months of 2020. **ACTION: MH**

## **10. Strategy session**

The November meeting will be used as a strategy session. Ideas were sought from Committee members asap. **ACTION: ALL**

## **11. Planning and Licensing**

The Brockwell Park consultants' plan for the redevelopment of Brockwell Hall has been published. Comments welcome.

## **12. AOB**

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3 November 2020 at 5pm by Zoom.