

**Minutes of the Herne Hill Society Committee meeting
held on Tuesday 5 April 2022 by Zoom**

Agenda 1: Welcome and Apologies

Rebecca Tee (RT) Chair; Laurence Marsh (LM) Vice Chair; Martyn Hall (MH) Treasurer; Ros Glover (RG) Membership Secretary; Henry Ferguson (HF); Lin Proctor (LP)

In attendance: Carol Boucher (CB) part

Apologies were noted from Annie Gelly who was co-opted to the Committee.

Nigel Thorpe had resigned from the Committee with immediate effect.

Agenda 2: Minutes and Matters arising from the meeting of 1 March 2022

The minutes of the March 2022 meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

A further informal introduction Zoom event for new members had been postponed until after the AGM and will be held during one evening in the coming months. **Action: RT/RG**

Payment now needs to be made for the Small Grant to Ruskin Park Walk project, which was approved by the Committee at the March meeting, **Action: MH**

George Hornby, Chair of the Herne Hill Forum has written an article on the Boundary Commission's proposal to abolish the Dulwich and West Norwood constituency for the next magazine issue. **Action: LM**

All other matters arising were discussed under later agenda items.

Agenda 3: HHS 40th Anniversary commemorative booklet

A draft of the content and layouts of an 8-page A5 booklet had been circulated for discussion. A5 format was preferred to A4 to make it more sturdy. It will be produced for distribution to members and to be given out at public events. A print quantity of 1000-2000 is planned. The designer has suggested a front and back cover making up to 12 pages in total. Everyone was happy with the text and thanked CB for the work that had been carried out. RG said she may have something to add on the Clocktower in Brockwell Park. LM had sourced some Ruskin quotes and he and CB will work on the finishing touches to the text, add the 40th logo and source the final images, after the next magazine is published. CB offered to proof-read the document and liaise with Kate Roncoroni. **Action: LM/CB**

Agenda 4: Performance Statistics, including Finance, Membership and Sales

It was noted that membership remains at a high level. Annual renewals are coming in; there are 37 outstanding to renew. One more reminder email will be sent to members. **Action: RG/RT**

The March bank statement will be circulated to the Committee shortly. Quarterly figures will be available at the end of March. **Action: MH**

Agenda 5: Planning and Licensing

No items to discuss.

Agenda 6: Report on the AGM

A short evaluation paper was circulated. HF said that the rehearsals helped to make the event work well. The Zoom polling was very quick and clear to use. The quiz questions at the start of the meeting were effective while the meeting waited to start. Numbers attending have remained fairly consistent over the last four years at around 10% of membership. The Chair thanked everyone who had helped make it a success.

Agenda 7: Review of membership subscriptions

RG presented a paper about the membership rates of similar local organisations. It was agreed to keep the rates the same for 2022, to review them in a year, to keep the concessionary rate and not to precisely define "concessionary". Most people understood it was for over-60 or unwaged.

Agenda 8: Risk assessment

This was discussed and it was agreed to evaluate the contents in conjunction with updating the business plan going forward. The business plan will be circulated for discussion at the next meeting.

Action: RT

Agenda 9: Safer Neighbourhood Panels, how to communicate priorities

It was agreed to ask representatives to organisations such as Safer Neighbourhood Panels to provide a brief report from their meetings so that any key matters of interest or relevance to our members can be communicated, such as surveys, news or events, which the Society can include in the e-newsletter, magazine or on Twitter.

Agenda 10: Herne Hill Forum traffic initiative

A paper from our transport correspondent was discussed. The suggestions from the Forum will need to receive community backing in order for them to be considered by TfL and Lambeth Council. The Society will get involved when the consultation begins later this year.

Agenda 11:

As an example of a sister organisation, a summary of committee roles in the Camberwell Society was discussed as a way to consider such roles in the Herne Hill Society. We are fortunate to have a large number of non-committee members who contribute to the work of the Society.

Agenda 12: Excellence Awards

A verbal report covered the background information to this initiative, and the application form will be drafted and circulated to the Excellence Awards Group so it may be uploaded to the website before the end of April 2022. A short article will be written for the next magazine.

Action: RT/LP/RG

Agenda 13: AOB

An invitation had been received from the Herne Hill Forum to host a Community Stall at Herne Hill Sunday Market. The Society is keen to do this as we will be able to sell our publications. Many dates were suggested and the Committee will be circulated to see which would be preferred.

Action: RT

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 3 May 2022, by Zoom.