

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held on Tuesday 1 November 2022 at 6:00pm
in the Snug Bar at the Half Moon Pub**

Present: Rebecca Tee (RT, Chair); Laurence Marsh (LM, Vice-Chair); Martyn Hall (MH, Treasurer); Lin Proctor (LP); Ros Glover (RG, Membership Secretary); Michèle Arnal (MA, Secretary);

Welcome and Apologies: Apologies received from Annie Gelly (AG) and Henry Ferguson (HF).

1. Minutes and matters arising from 11 October 2022 meeting: Minutes of the meeting as circulated were agreed.
2. Performance Statistics: including Finance, Membership and Sales (report tabled). RG provided up-to-date performance statistics. There was discussion about various financial issues, including income from publications and growth in membership, now at a record high of 384. There are a few outstanding invoices for books which are being followed up, and for advertisements in the Magazine, being followed up by Val Suebsaeng, but on the whole the picture was healthy. MH suggested that a priority for 2023 could be to reach a membership of 400, and the options for using Facebook, WhatsApp groups and electronic newsletters for promotion were discussed. All Committee members will send any ideas on promotion to LP.
3. Planning and Licensing: LM provided updates on a number of local planning issues, including the refurbishment of Brockwell Hall and the status of the Old Dairy in Rosendale Road. A draft response to the latest proposals for the Old Dairy would shortly be sent to the HHS Planning Cluster for comment prior to it being sent to LBL. **Action: LM**
4. Events: The possible separation of the Society's AGM and the Awards ceremony in 2023 was discussed. The AGM could be held at the end of March and the Awards ceremony at the end of April. Various venues were mentioned, and it was agreed that the venue should be sourced before the date was set. **Action: All**
5. Search for a Treasurer: Ongoing, as MH steps down at the 2023 AGM.
6. Excellence Awards: Nominations in the three categories of heritage/history, environment and community will close at the end of December 2022. The Herne

Hill Forum has been very supportive of these awards and local residents should continue to be encouraged to nominate people and/or groups to apply.

7. Blue Plaque Scheme: RT will meet LM and RJ to devise a plan for the way forward. The meeting will be held on 21 November at 10:30am at Gusto Italiano on Half Moon Lane.

8. AOB: RG raised the matter of the Society assisting in the purchase of trees in local areas of Herne Hill. Following discussion, it was agreed that RG would speak to the organisers of this Tree Project.

Future meetings: Please put these dates in your diary.

- December 2022 meeting on **Zoom at 6:00pm on Tuesday 6 December 2022.**
- January meeting in **The Snug Bar at the Half Moon at 6:00pm on Tuesday 3 January 2023.**