

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held on Tuesday 4 April 2023 at 6pm on Zoom**

Present:

Rebecca Tee (Chair, RT); Laurence Marsh (Vice-Chair, LM); Lyndon Fothergill (Treasurer, LF); Ros Glover (Membership Secretary, RG); Ros Jones (RJ); Martyn Hall (MH)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence, declaration of interests.

Apologies were received from Henry Ferguson and Lin Proctor. No interests were declared.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from meeting of 7 March 2023 – circulated

The minutes were accepted as a true record and there were no matters arising.

3. Welcome to the new Committee and induction for new Treasurer

LF and MH are meeting on 5 April to start discussing the handover of the Treasurer's role. LF will ask to meet other members of the Committee as needed.

4. Blue Plaque Scheme – next steps

There is an initial £500 budget for this work. The stickers for the shops will be c.£10 each and there are roughly 100 shops. The historical research with LM is going ahead but is very time-consuming. It was agreed to work with a few early-adopter shops as a trial, to finesse the process; establish the agreement of the shops; put information on the website and make the QR codes. This will allow the work to be rehearsed and streamlined. RJ and RT will go to discuss with three shops in the week commencing 10 April. A meeting will be arranged with LM, RJ, Sharon O'Connor and Colin Wight.

5. Performance Statistics including Finance, Membership and Sales

RG presented the paper; there are 38 members yet to renew.

6. Planning and Licensing

LM reported on planning applications for 5 Dorchester Drive and 1A Spenser Road on which comments had been made.

7. Excellence Awards

- i) Planning for Awards Celebration update - RT and RG reported on the preparation for the event on 27 April 2023. Pop-up banners are c.£80 each and we will buy and prepare two with generic HHS information which can be used for the Awards and at all our external events.
- ii) Tickets – in a few days when tickets go live, Committee members are urged to contact local friends to encourage take-up. There are 100 tickets and it would be good to have a full house on the night.

8. AGM discussion

The AGM on 30 March 2023 on Zoom went smoothly and was well-managed but turn-out was low at 20. This only just met the quorum requirement so that votes could be held to accept the accounts and elect the Committee. There are two ways of handling this next year: 1) Add an attraction to the AGM to get more people to be there, either on Zoom or in person. 2) Work harder to ensure more people commit in advance to being present on the night. We will start to discuss this in November 2023.

9. AOB

There were no items raised.

Next meeting: Tuesday 2 May 2023 at the Snug Bar at the Half Moon Hotel at 6pm.

Please put this date in your diary. Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month.