

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held on Tuesday 7 November 2023 at 6:00pm
at The Half Moon Hotel**

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of October meeting and Matters arising

Minutes of the October meeting were accepted and agreed for publication. RG would ask Colin Wight to put them on the website.

Action: RG

3. Planning

LM reported that the Planning Group had submitted to LB Southwark an objection to a cross-over to a property in Red Post Hill. The cross-over would allow car parking on the hard standing of the front drive of the property. The proposal went against the specifications of the Sunray Estate Conservation Area in which the property was located, similar to those of the Dulwich Estate which were also relevant.

LM also reported that an application from J D Wood (Estate Agent) had been made to LB Southwark to take over the three vacant shops in Railton Road/Station Square.

4. Performance stats: Membership

Membership currently stood at 390. RT would send text to LP to put on her local WhatsApp Group to try to encourage neighbours to join. The Committee was encouraged to do the same in their local areas to encourage membership.

Action: RT/LP

It was agreed that events might result in one or two new members but there was never a flood of people wanting to join. RG to nudge RT about following up LM's September Zoom talk (for Lambeth Local History Month).

Action: RG

RT would bring to the next Committee meeting a map she had put together showing the density of local membership.

Action: RT

5. Finance

After two years of chasing, a bookshop in Crystal Palace had still not paid two invoices for books supplied. RT would continue to chase for payment.

Action: RT

LF reported that a facility to make payments by bank transfer had now been set up with CAF. The second, authorising, signature is RG. LF is still trying to apply for Business Card. LF confirmed that he had log-in details for the PayPal account and the second Sum-up machine/account. RT has the log-in details for the first Sum-up machine. CW would be approached to give LF access to the PayPal account.

Action: LF/RT

Transfers from PayPal (membership renewals and the sale of books) would be made at three-monthly intervals in future.

RG to note

6. Updates

LM hopes to have all content for the next Magazine completed by 1 December 2023. The layout would be completed soon afterwards. His aim was to have the Magazine out by the end of 2023. This edition would include an article on the winner and two runners-up in the Environment Category of the Excellence Awards. RT would be getting quotes from each organisation. RG would read LM the article encouraging membership renewal.

Action: RT/RG

CW will be laying a Wreath on behalf of the Society at the Station at 11:00am on Sunday 12 November. RT had notified local Councillors and Helen Hayes MP. The Committee was encouraged to join her and CW at the Wreath Laying.

The Shop History Project: Awaiting CW to complete 3 or 4 sample web pages and create QR codes so that a trial could begin. It was anticipated that the Project would be formally launched early in 2024.

Action: RT/CW

Brockwell Lido Steering Group: It was agreed that Sophia Marsh would continue to represent us on this Committee. Thanks were given to her for undertaking this task.

Next publication: This was still at the planning stage with no firm commitment being given yet pending more information on cost and volunteers to undertake the necessary work. It was agreed that there should be more coloured pictures than in existing HH publications. To help inform decisions, quotes for a publication of about 80 pages and 200 copies had been obtained from Catford Printers.

Action: RT

There followed a discussion about the focus of the publication: for example, the social context and the development of the area in relation to the subjects included. It was agreed that the first stage would be to write a sample chapter for discussion. RT would start some very general work on this and asked the Committee to think seriously about helping. MH expressed the view that it was important for the Society to get a new publication out, even if this meant accepting a financial loss.

7. AGM Planning

RT advised that a quote had been obtained to hold the AGM at the Temple Bowling Club. There was an advantage in using this venue as they would provide everything necessary, including a screen, PA, etc. There was also a platform for speakers. A possible speaker might be a Lambeth Tour Guide. RG is in touch with someone who is a member and keen supporter and would be happy to give a half-hour presentation at the AGM. RG would arrange a meeting with her to discuss further.

Action: RG

8. AOB

Community Stall at the Sunday Market: It was agreed that we would not take up the Forum's offer of a space on the Community Stall in Herne Hill Market in December. This was because the Society would not be allowed to sell publications.

The Charter School Christmas Fair (30 November) at the Charter School: We would take a stall at this event. RT would circulate a rota.

Action RT

9. Next meeting: It was agreed that the next Committee meeting would be on **5 December** at the Half Moon Public House at 6:00pm. It would be an informal get-together with no minutes taken.