

The Dulwich Society Environment sub-committee

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Minutes, Tuesday 26 March 2024

A: Attendance and Apologies

Members present: Tom Harrison, Mark Hughes, Laurie Johnston, James Leabeater, Mark Marshall, Gill Mein, Helen Pickering

Guests: Margy Newens, Donncha O'Shea, James Thompson

Apologies for absence: Barry Coker, Katy Savage

AAT has resigned due to a change in her circumstances.

B: No declarations of interest.

C: The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

D: The members and guests introduced themselves and described their specialties.

E: Items discussed:

1. The current situation with regard to the proposed expansion of London City Airport. It was agreed to write an article for The Journal to raise awareness of the impact which the proposed end to the noise respite periods will have on our area.
2. The importance of solar panels being visible so people will be motivated to learn more and perhaps implement. Retrofitting homes is important because only a small number of homes are new build. The housing sector is one of the biggest in failing to adapt for climate change.
3. The meeting with the Planning and Architecture Chair which drew up advice for the DE on how to improve its sustainability guidelines.
4. The design plans for Calton Avenue at the junctions of Court Lane and Dulwich Village. The DS has been represented at the public realm design meetings.
5. Articles for The Journal. Editor advises four articles have been published on environment topics so far (two by LJ). Two more articles were agreed for the future. **Action: GM, MH**
6. The meeting with the DE sustainability consultants.
7. Investigating sustainability and retrofitting on the large estates in the Dulwich area. **Action: TH, MH, MM**
8. The current status of the East Dulwich plans.
9. The serious local problem of speeding vehicles and the need for enforcement of speed limits. Assessment for speed cameras is made by the [London Safety Camera Partnership](#),

which us a partnership between TfL and the police. The criteria for installation of cameras is quite formulaic: the rule for installing safety cameras is currently 4-3-2-1, i.e. 4 KSIs, in a 3 year period, 2 having been attributed by the police to being caused by excess speed, in a 100m section of road. **Action: those interested to sign up for Community Road Watch: John.Wood@met.police.uk**

10. The DE plans for Hunts Slip Road. Following a site visit, feedback on road safety was given to DE.
11. Chair attended a meeting of the Wildlife sub-committee.
12. Chair attended the last Safe Routes to School meeting on behalf of the DS.
13. The London Walking and Cycling conference 2024 (<https://www.londonwalkingandcyclingconference.co.uk/>). This will be held on 19th September. Volunteer needed to attend. Request the Executive to pay for ticket. Early bird tickets (registration before 15 July) are £45. **Action: LJ, HP**
14. The Southwark Nature Action Group. They would like to learn more about the Dulwich area. Agreed to invite them for a local walk. **Action: LJ**
15. The new TfL Green Links walk which runs from Epping Forest to Peckham. Footways (<https://footways.london/>) and London Living Streets (<https://londonlivingstreets.com/>) were instrumental in getting the walk extended from its original termination point at Tate Modern. Idea to extend the route to meet the Green Chain Walk in Nunhead and its spurs in Dulwich and Crystal Palace so that there will be one Southwark walk from the border with Crystal Palace to the Thames, and a circular walk in Dulwich. Agreed to speak to SNAG and Southwark Living Streets about this. Anyone with a favoured walking route that might form part of a new route, please share. **Action: LJ, all members**
16. Governance procedures, including how to join sub-committees. The group does not have decision making powers but may where appropriate make recommendations to the Executive. Each person must keep the group apprised of their activities. Chair reports to the Executive on group activity before each Executive meeting. **Action: all members**
17. The AGM on 20 May and the importance of adopting the proposed new governance rules to bring the DS into line with gold standard Charity Commission practice. **Action: all members**

F: Date of Next Meeting

25th June 2024, 7:30 pm