



## Dulwich Society Executive 541st Meeting Monday 25 April 2022 at 7.30pm at Bell House

Attendees:

### President

Kenneth Wolfe

### Officers

James Thompson – Chair

Sue Badman– Vice-Chair

Russell Lloyd - Treasurer

Heather Stubbs– Secretary

### Committee Members

Brian Green - Journal Editor

Sharon O'Connor - Communications and Media

### Sub-Committee Chairs

David Beamish – Trees

Patsy Bramble – Licensing

Ian McInnes – Local History

Jeremy Prescott – Gardens

Peter Roseveare – Wildlife

### 1. Apologies

Diana McInnes – Membership

Penny Stern – Planning and Architecture

Harry Winter – Travel & Environment

### 2. Register of Interests

See Appendix 1. There were no new interests to declare.

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were agreed.

**Action: JT to sign the Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and HS to post the Minutes on the website.**

### 4. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Item 7a) Chairs Report/LTN

It was noted that in response to the hostile comments on Twitter relating to the LTN, a Statement on Unacceptable Behaviour was agreed by the Executive Committee and posted on

the website. Four complaints have been received since the publication of the Statement and a small working group has been established to investigate the complaints.

Item 7g) Society Events

**Action: All Committee Members to consider events to celebrate the Society's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023.**

Item 11) Licensing

PB reported that the licence application for Stephanie's in Thurlow Park Road has been revised and DS has withdrawn its representation.

Item 12) Planning

**Action: SB to raise issue of lack of information on planning applications at the June meeting**

Item 18) Dulwich Estate

SB reported that DE is concerned about conditions for traders

**Action: SB to circulate Minutes of the last DE surgery**

## 5. DS Matters

### a) Chair's Report

The Chair's Report was received.

LTN – There have been no recent complaints. LTNs have become the defining issue of the local elections.

Local elections – JT and SB have met candidates of all the main political parties, which has been a useful exercise in getting to know the candidates and also informing them about DS. The Herne Hill hustings on 28<sup>th</sup> April is sold out but can be attended on Zoom.

3<sup>rd</sup> party Meetings – DS and the Master of Dulwich College are collaborating on a talk on the history of Dulwich College in June.

Adoption of Telephone Box in Dulwich Village - JT reported that the defibrillator order has been delayed due to supply issues. Once installed, a demonstration on its use will be organised. The donated paint for the phone box has been received.

### b) Vice Chair's Report

The Vice Chair's report was received.

Edward Alleyn statue – SB is in discussion with the Dulwich Estate regarding security for the statue.

Issues raised with the Council include the cycle hangars which are yet to be installed, the suspension of Community Roadwatch pending appointment of a new officer and access for emergency vehicles at the Dulwich Village junction.

Aquinna Homes/stocks sign- IMCI confirmed that the Local History Group considers the burial ground is the correct place for the stocks stone.

**Action: SB to inform Aquinna that the stocks sign will remain in the burial ground. It is a condition of their planning consent that the stocks sign is installed on their site, so this will need to be amended.**

c) Rules Review

JT reported that a Zoom meeting had been held with members of the Executive Committee to discuss the proposed changes to the Rules and the revised Rules document is now being finalised by PB. It will be circulated to Executive Committee for approval by email. It was agreed that an SGM would be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June to consider and adopt the new Rules. A draft Notice for the SGM was circulated and it was agreed it should contain some explanation as to why the Rules were being amended and an assurance that the proposed changes are not to the Objects but are managerial changes which will facilitate the efficient running of the Society.

**Action: PB, JT and SB to finalise the Rules document. HS to amend and circulate the Notice of the SGM. BG to issue the Notice of the SGM in the June Journal. SO'C to publicise the SGM in the eNewsletter and on the website.**

d) Preparation for 2022 AGM on 9 May

Location

The Crown and Greyhound Function Room has been booked for the AGM. A decision will be taken nearer the time concerning whether the meeting should take place on Zoom.

**Action: HS to schedule an AGM dry run at the Crown and Greyhound in the week preceding the AGM. IMCl to bring the microphone.**

Process for notifying members of AGM and Rules Review

The Notices of the AGM and the SGM to consider the Rules review are being promoted through the Journal, eNewsletters and website.

Reports from Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs and other Sub-Committee members

Annual Reports from all Sub-Committee Chairs and Executive Committee members have been received.

Annual Report and Accounts

The Annual Report was approved subject to some minor amendments. The 2021 Accounts were approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March and have been signed by the Chair, Treasurer and the Independent Examiner.

**Action: HS to publish the Annual Report and Accounts on the website.**

e) Society Events

Two local history talks are planned as part of the Dulwich Festival including walks and talks. Dulwich Festival ticket sales are going well.

JP said the Gardens Coach Trip to RHS Wisley and Polesden Lacey will take place in June and places are still available.

There was discussion regarding the need for insurance cover for trips and outings. It was agreed that the Society's 3<sup>rd</sup> Party insurance covers this.

f) Membership

The Membership report was received. Gift Aid on membership fees has been received promptly. There were 1144 members at the end of March. The report states that membership represents 20% of households in the area. There was a query about how this is calculated.

**Action: HS to check with DMcl what the 20% figure is based on.**

g) Alleyn statue security

This item was dealt with under the Vice-Chair's Report

h) Policies

It was noted that a Statement on Unacceptable Behaviour had been agreed by email and is now published on the website.

6. Treasurer's Report

Budget reports from the Treasurer were received. RL said there was approximately £7,500 in the Barclay's account and £40,700 in COIF which will be moved to the Monmouth Building Society account. A test transfer of £100 to Monmouth had not yet been acknowledged. A statement of the interest on the COIF account is awaited.

£3,500 advertising revenue has been received from BG.

Authorisation is awaited from Barclays for JT to take over as signatory from IMcl.

The Committee agreed that the fee for an advertisement in the Journal should be waived for Sally-Anne Jeffries in view of her voluntary work as Independent Examiner over a number of years.

A possible review of Journal costs was discussed. It was noted that advertisers should pay for fees directly into the Society's bank account. It was decided that current internal controls were sufficient.

IMcl noted that postage costs will increase significantly in the near future.

**Action: JT to write a letter of appreciation to Sally-Anne Jeffries. RL to reduce the number of columns in the budget sheet to make it more readable.**

7. Consideration of Applications for Society Grants

The Grants List for April 2022 was received.

- a) Sydenham Hill Wood funding for improvements to the paths - JP reported that, as agreed at the meeting of 14 March, DS has donated £5,000 as part of the Green Match Fund initiative and that the London Wildlife Trust (LWT) has already received £22,000 in donations towards its target for this year of £50,000. DS has worked hard to promote this initiative through newsletters and the website and letters to Chairs of Residents

Associations as well as contributing to newspaper articles. LWT is organising two walks in Sydenham Hill Wood on 26 April and there is an event at Bell House.

- b) Tribute to Alastair Hanton – JP reported that the second choice of location for the memorial bench for Alastair Hanton in Dulwich Village has been rejected due to an objection by one of the neighbours. JP is investigating a site at the end of Court Lane.

**Action: JP to progress the siting of the bench in Court lane.**

- c) Sandy Alexander’s memorial bench plaque – The Committee agreed to fund a plaque for a bench which is already in place on the corner of Burbage Road and Dulwich Village.
- d) Francis Peek plaque in Dulwich Park – the Committee agreed to fund an information plaque at the Francis Peek Centre in Dulwich Park. The research is being undertaken by a family member.

## 8. Communications and Media

The Communications and Media report was received.

- a) Use of new logo

The new Logo has been agreed by Executive Committee for immediate use. The link to the Barbara Hepworth statue was welcomed although the main emphasis is the “D” for Dulwich. The logo contains the wording “Dulwich Society” but the name remains “The Dulwich Society.” There is an article on the website about the new logo and there will be an article in the next Journal.

James Alexander has created a new letterhead which can be printed at home without using colour printing. SO’C has circulated the template for comment.

- b) SO’C said that she would not be standing for re-election as an Executive Committee member at the AGM but would continue with her work on Communications and Media and on the Local History sub-committee.

## 9. Licensing and Events

The Licensing and Events Sub-Committee Report was received.

PB said the application from We Are The Fair for 6 events a year for up to 20,000 people on Peckham Rye Common has been opposed by DS and Friends of Peckham Rye Park and will be heard on 19 May. Following discussions with the Police, the application has been limited to a maximum of 10,000 people. As the flood alleviation works in Peckham Rye Park have not yet taken place, the Gala Festival this summer will take place in Peckham Rye Park and not Peckham Rye Common.

PB also reported a number of concerns regarding the Wireless Festival in Crystal Palace Park and that Belair House has been granted a licence with several conditions.

## 10. Consultation/Planning

The Planning and Architecture Sub-Committee’s Report was received.

17 licence applications were commented on in March and 14 in April

IMCl said DS needs to make clear that it cannot comment on applications which do not provide the necessary information.

It was reported that DE no longer employs an architect but uses the services of a consultant architect.

#### 11. Travel & Environment

The Travel & Environment Sub-Committee Report was received.

No meetings of the Travel and Environment sub-committee have been held recently as there has been little progress on travel issues in the run-up to the local elections.

RL reported that the train service from North Dulwich to London Bridge remains very poor with a gap of 1 hour 10 minutes between some trains.

IMCl said that trains will be affected by the closure of the Penge tunnel for 9 days from 23 July.

**Action: The Travel and Environment sub-committee to make representations about the train service on the North Dulwich line.**

#### 12. Local History Sub-Committee

The Local History sub-committee report was received.

SO'C said that IMCl's talk on Mid Century Modern has received over 800 views on the website and his book on the same subject is a best-seller at Dulwich Books. Duncan Bowie's book on radicals in Dulwich will soon be available on the website.

#### 13. Gardens Sub-Committee

The Gardens Sub-Committee Report was received.

#### 14. Wildlife Sub-Committee

The Wildlife sub-committee's report was received. The Wildlife sub-committee has drafted Terms of Reference which are now on the website. This was noted as an example of good practice which other sub-committees may wish to follow.

#### 15. Trees Sub-Committee

The Trees Sub-Committee Report was received. DB said that following a hiatus during the pandemic, members of the sub-committee now wish to meet.

Executive Committee agreed a fee of £100 for Daniel Greenwood to conduct a tree walk.

BG will be issuing an update of the Silver Jubilee Tree Trail with the Platinum Jubilee edition of the Journal. The tree to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee will be planted in Dulwich Picture Gallery gardens in the autumn, which is the best time for planting.

16. Dulwich Estate

It was noted that the Burial ground is very overgrown. It was agreed that it is not an appropriate area for re-wilding. There is also a tree in the Burial Ground which has been cut in an unsightly manner.

**Action: JT to ask DE whether there has been a decision not to maintain the foliage in the Burial Ground. DB to make enquiries with LB Southwark about the unsightly tree.**

17. Other Dulwich issues and points from Sub-Committee Reports, AOB

a) Marking her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee

This item was dealt with under Trees

b) Bulk Emails

It was noted that @dulwichsociety.com emails should not be used to send emails to more than 10 recipients at a time due to concerns over emails going to Spam, which could lead to loss of licences linked to the email account.

c) Sharon O'Connor

JT expressed the thanks of the Committee to Sharon O'Connor for her invaluable work on the Committee, particularly the development of the website, the eNewsletters and Twitter accounts as well as her contribution to the Local History Committee and Journal delivery. She will be very much missed on the Executive Committee but will continue her work on media/communications and local history.

18. Dates of Next Meetings:

AGM: Monday 9 May 2022 at 8pm in the Crown & Greyhound Function Room

SGM (to adopt new Rules) Monday 27 June 2022 in the Crown & Greyhound Function Room

Executive Committee: Monday 11 July 2022 at 7.30pm at Bell House.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm

**Heather Stubbs, Secretary – The Dulwich Society**

**J C Thompson**

**Chair**

**11<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

## Appendix 1

### Executive Committee - Register of Interests (as of 25 April 2022)

Kenneth Wolfe (President) – Member of the Friends of Dulwich Square

James Thompson (Chair):

- Dulwich Society nominated member of the Advisory Committee of the Scheme of Management of The Dulwich Estate
- Member of the Safer Neighbourhood Panel of Dulwich Village
- Chairman of the committee of the Stradella and Springfield Residents Association (Stradella and Winterbrook Roads and parts of Burbage Road and Half Moon Lane)
- Honorary Independent Examiner of the Dulwich Festival
- Anne, my spouse, is the Bursar of Herne Hill School

Heather Stubbs (Secretary) – Member of Dulwich Picture Gallery Friends Advisory Panel and organiser of Walks and Tours for Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery

Ian McInnes – Son Tim McInnes is Chair of the Herne Hill Velodrome Trust.

Diana McInnes - Son Tim McInnes is Chair of the Herne Hill Velodrome Trust.

David Beamish – Parish of St Barnabas, Dulwich (Deputy Churchwarden); Dulwich Deanery Synod (Member); Southwark Diocesan Synod (Member); Member of the Southwark Diocesan Council of Trustees and Vice-Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance; Volunteer at Dulwich Picture Gallery; Dulwich & District U3A Committee Member; Volunteer at Dulwich Village Infants School.

Harry Winter - Vice-Chair, Herne Hill Forum; “Mums for Lungs” (member); Safe Routes to School (DS Rep); Stradella and Springfield RA (Committee member responsible for Environment).

Patsy Bramble – Member of Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum

Penny Stern – Chair of Frank Dixon Way & Close RA

Sharon O’Connor – Trustee of Bell House

Jeremy Prescott - Dulwich Society-nominated members of the Advisory Committee of the Scheme of Management of the Dulwich Estate

### For Information

The Dulwich Society is a member of the London Forum

The Trees Sub-Committee has membership of The Woodland Trust and Dulwich Park Friends.

The Dulwich Society through the Gardens Sub-committee has affiliated society membership of the Royal Horticultural Society