

PRESENT:

Harry Winter, Katy Savage, Alex Hamilton, Stephen Waters, Gill Mein, Deborah Roslund, Margy Newens (guest), James Thompson (guest).

A	APOLOGIES	ACTION
	Laurie Johnston, Tom Harrison, Adrian Hill, James Mowbray, Helen Pickering, Barry Coker, Crispin Southgate.	
B	CONFLICTS OF INTEREST	
	Declarations were sought. None were given.	
C	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 24 MAY 2022	
	<p>The previous minutes were agreed as a true record. As to matters arising:</p> <p>Croxted Road: A TfL report has been published detailing adjustments made to traffic signals, which have improved bus times (a good proxy for congestion) on Croxted Road. However, the report indicates more work to be done to improve congestion at peak times. Council officers and councillors from both sides of the borough boundary together with Helen Hayes MP and TfL have had regular meetings with a view to finding a solution to the congestion problems on Croxted Road. There have also been regular meetings with Croxted Road residents.</p> <p>Low traffic measures were introduced in Lambeth prior to the measures in Dulwich Village and are more extensive. Both TfL and Southwark data show traffic volumes consistently lower on Croxted Road than pre-pandemic and following Dulwich Village interventions.</p> <p>TfL light phase adjustments have improved bus times on Croxted Road although not as much as hoped. Cllr Margy Newens has asked TfL for data regarding area-wide situation (Milkwood Road etc) which they have said they will provide. It was noted that if the congestion were being caused simply by traffic being displaced from Dulwich Village traffic volumes on Croxted Road would have increased, which is not the case. This indicates that the problem is far more complex and that an area-wide approach is needed to resolve it.</p> <p>Councillors and officers are working to find out what else TfL can do across Herne Hill to address the congestion problem. Southwark Council has gathered data on Norwood Road and Croxted Road, although Lambeth Council is responsible for both and has not presented any data. It was noted that not looking at the wider picture is detrimental to efforts needed to improve the situation on Croxted Road.</p> <p>There was concern that if peak hours are the problem this could be due to traffic being diverted from DV during the timed restrictions. However, the data shows specifically that vehicle numbers, including northbound during morning peak hours, have been consistently lower since March last year (between 7-10am). Afternoon peak time congestion was resolved early on by fixing the broken SCOOT mechanism for the traffic lights at the Croxted Road junction with Norwood Road. The TfL report describes work to improve traffic flow turning right from Herne Hill onto Half Moon Lane to ease northbound congestion on Norwood Road and, therefore, Croxted Road. Emphasis has to remain on finding area-wide solutions.</p>	
D	MATTERS ARISING	
E	UPDATES	

F	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. North Dulwich Train Times 2. London City Airport 3. Buses 4. ULEZ Expansion 5. Cars ignoring no through traffic signs 	
1	NORTH DULWICH TRAIN TIMES	
	There are currently only 3 off-peak trains per hour – it was agreed this should be increased to 4 trains per hour. HW / BC will write to Southern & TfL to request an increase in trains.	HW & BC to write letter to Southern & TfL
2	LONDON CITY AIRPORT	
	<p>The expansion of London City Airport (planned pre-pandemic) is now in consultation. The expansion is not as large as previously planned but does propose computerised flight pathways (not affected by wind etc) which means the same residents will be repeatedly affected. It was noted that the consultation survey was inadequate in its guidelines on how to answer the questions.</p> <p>Air Travel is a big contributor of climate change. It was suggested that the Dulwich Society could call on members to cut one flight a year, and some members may wish to join HACAAN who campaign for less flights – details could be included in the Dulwich Society Newsletter.</p> <p>It was suggested the sub-committee could write to Helen Hayes to raise awareness on the fact that Aircraft noise is exempt from environmental noise restrictions.</p>	GM to prepare item for newsletter & write to Helen Hayes
3	BUSES	
	<p>It was agreed the sub-committee support current levels of bus services, would object to any reduction – and would endorse an increase in services. It was noted there appear to be mixed views on the No.3 bus being re-routed from Whitehall to Victoria.</p> <p>There is a call to re-route the No.201 bus to Morden (currently via Herne Hill station, Croxted Road) to instead go via West Dulwich ie. Herne Hill, Half Moon Lane, Red Post Hill, Dulwich Village, Dulwich Common.</p>	
4	ULEZ Expansion	
	<p>The consultation to expand ULEZ to the M25 was discussed, and whether the sub-committee would support or remain neutral on the expansion.</p> <p>It was broadly agreed that the ULEZ expansion was in the interests of the public good; to reduce emissions in a climate emergency and should be implemented as soon as possible along with a scrappage scheme, but that this view may not be representative of all Society members.</p> <p>It was noted that the Society Trustees have obligations to the public good as a charity, and that this is specific to the rules and objectives of the Society. The Society and the sub-committees have an active role: to maintain, enhance and improve the amenities of Dulwich. The Society's purpose is to fulfil these charitable objectives even if controversial and it can take decisions relying on the sub-committees to inform, research, gather data and expert advice.</p>	

5	Cars ignoring no through traffic signs	
	<p>Southwark Council statistics and anecdotal evidence show cars and refuse trucks illegally driving through Dulwich Village Junction / Dulwich Square on a regular basis. Cameras are activated only by number plate recognition ANPR, and cars have been seen driving through with hidden number plates. A resident was assaulted by a driver speeding through.</p> <p>Southwark are taking the matter seriously and are in discussions with the police as to what measures can be taken and whether a physical barrier is needed. This along with the need to reduce conflict between pedestrians and cyclists is under scrutiny to make the space as safe as possible.</p>	
	AOB & Date of next meeting	
	<p>A resident objected to a remembrance bench named after Alastair Hanton at the XX bus stop. It has been agreed that the bench will be placed at Dulwich Village Junction / Dulwich Square / Court Lane instead.</p>	
	<p>Next meeting – September 28th postponed to October 5th</p>	