



Dulwich Society Executive 555th Meeting

Monday 16th September 2024 at Bell House

Attendees:

Officers

James Thompson – Chair
Sue Badman - Vice-Chair
Heather Stubbs– Secretary

Sub-Committee Chairs

Patsy Bramble – Licensing
Laurie Johnston – Environment
Peter Roseveare – Wildlife
Penny Stern - Planning and Architecture

Christine Brandon – Membership Secretary
Claire Richards - Journal Editor

1. Apologies

Kenneth Wolfe – President; Russell Lloyd – Treasurer; Ian McInnes - Local History; Jeremy Prescott – Gardens; Sharon O'Connor - Communications and Media Lead; Richard Wingfield - Development.

2. Register of Interests

Laurie Johnstone is Volunteer Chair of Southwark Living Streets and Volunteer Secretary of London Living Streets, the national charity which campaigns for everyday walking and wheeling.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of 8th July 2024 were approved for signature by JT.

Action: HS to post the approved minutes of 8th July on the website.

4. Matters Arising

Minute 5) PS said a planning application has now been made for the East Dulwich Sidings development consisting of 1230 square metres of employment space, 53 homes, student accommodation and cycle stores. A determination is expected in early November.

Action: PS and PR to consider the wildlife impact of the East Dulwich Sidings development. PS to discuss at the Planning & Architecture Sub-committee.

Minute 10) **Action carried forward: RL to liaise with Katharine St.John-Brooks on the Garden Coach Trip account.**

5. DS Matters

a) Chair's Report

The Chair's Report was received. Most items to be discussed elsewhere in the agenda.

b) Vice Chair's Report

The Vice Chair's report was received.

Stocks Stone: Aquinna will install this when the works in Dulwich Village are completed.

SB is exploring security for the Edward Alleyn statue including the possibility of a 3D scan.

Action: SB to check with DE (who organise the insurance) whether a 3D scan is needed for insurance purposes.

SB provided an overview of local issues including:

- Hunts Slip Road works are in progress. There is confusion over traffic flow at the roundabout.
- DE has apologised for Dwellant portal notices received by some SOM residents about road closures which implied their own road was closing rather than Hunts Slip Road.
- Peckham Town Football Club planning application – no neighbours' meeting has been held to date. Determination is expected by the end of September.
- The Dulwich Village wi-fi is now fully connected.
- SB has attended several Dulwich Village Ward Coffee with a Copper meetings at which several local police officers have been in attendance.
- LB Southwark and LB Lambeth are planning next year's park events. Traffic issues on the Lambeth side of Brockwell Park were reported this year. It was noted that some events coincide with the breeding season for birds. An article was published in the Autumn Journal by a member of the Environment Sub-committee. PB highlighted the problem of boroughs granting permanent licences and the frequent change of organisers so new organisers are unaware of problems identified the previous year.

Action: Park Events – all members to let SB know of any issues, e.g. impact on wildlife. CR to publish the timescale for raising complaints in the Journal.

c) Streets for People - Phase 3

JT said paving is currently being laid and the area looks good and much bigger. It will appear greener in due course as new planting takes place. Access to shops is being maintained.

There was discussion regarding the railings near the school, which will no longer be at the corner. The school is being consulted. The Safer Routes to School committee will be considering this in 2 weeks. There is potential to reinstate railings immediately outside the school exit.

Trees and shrubs will be planted in root boxes to keep the roots from the surface and increase stability and safety. JT has written to LBS to ask what species of tree will be planted.

d) Streets for People – Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs)

SB reported that a statutory consultation was taking place on the Dulwich Village CPZ from 5th-26th September.

e) Hunts Slip Road Works

Action: SB to raise the Hunts Slip roundabout issues at the next DE surgery.

f) Follow-up to SGM/AGM

JT updated trustees on correspondence and a meeting with one of the petitioners since the previous Executive Committee meeting.

HS reported slow progress on submitting the new Rules to the Charity Commission as their website does not accept a whole document and it is necessary to submit the changes in batches. Regulatory changes and administrative changes are dealt with in different ways.

Some limited amendments to the Rules were agreed for AGM 2025 including making it a requirement for trustees to be over 18. Any further amendments to the Rules to be discussed at the next meeting.

g) Development/Member Engagement

I. Survey

The member survey has been circulated in electronic form in the September e-News and is available on the website. An article by RW was in the September Journal explaining the purpose of the survey and how to complete it. At the time of the meeting, 30 replies had been received.

II. Strategy Day and Agenda

This is being planned by a small sub-group of trustees

III. Meet the Trustee evenings

The evening for new members will take place at 6.30pm in Bell House on Monday 20th September and the evening targeted at East Dulwich members will take place at 6.30pm in East Dulwich Tavern on Thursday 17th October. The dates have been flagged in the Journal and e-News. All members are welcome at both events.

Action: JT/RW to issue email to new members joining since 1st January about the 30th September event. SO'C to further publicise the 17th October event in the October e-News.

h) Financial Review

Deferred to a future meeting.

i) Society Events

i. Joe Spence Talk

This event has been postponed.

ii. Local History Talks

A number of Local History talks are scheduled including one on Kingswood House on Zoom on 1st October.

iii. Garden events

A visit to Fulham Palace Gardens is scheduled for 18th September and a Fungus Walk on 13th October.

iv. Women in Politics Event

This is planned for Spring 2025. Alleen's Michael Croft Theatre is a likely venue.

j) Membership Report

CB has circulated the redesigned membership leaflet to trustees to print and use as required.

CB has re-organised the membership list so that Journal distribution lists can be printed from it. She has allocated two new zones for hand delivery resulting in an annual saving of £400. There are now 48 fewer members on the postal list, which includes a new member in the United States.

k) Directory

CB said there are 2 changes to the Directory and she will re-issue. She emphasised that the data in the Directory is confidential.

Action: CB to re-issue the final version of the Directory

l) Editorial Committee/Journal

CR said she is planning to include more articles on the work of sub-committees.

m) Privacy Policy

The review of the Privacy Policy was deferred to a future meeting

n) Reserves Policy Review

The current version of the Reserves Policy was approved subject to JP agreeing.

Post meeting Note: JP has confirmed he approves the current Reserves Policy.

Action: HS to update the website with the current Reserves Policy

o) Review of Risk Map

It was agreed a sub-group of JT, JP and HS would review and update the 2023 Risk Map.

Action: HS to convene a meeting of JT, JP and HS to review the 2023 Risk Map.

6. Communications and Media Report

The Communications and Media Report was received.

Following some queries from members about the naming of trustees and committees, it was agreed that with immediate effect:

- The Executive Committee would be known as the Trustees
- The roles of trustees other than the Officers (Chair; Vice Chair; Secretary; Treasurer) would be described as Activities, broken down into:
 - Operations (Journal Editor; Media and Communications; Development; Membership)
 - Subject Matter (Planning & Architecture; Licencing; Local History; Gardens; Wildlife; Environment)
- Sub-committees will be known as Groups, (e.g. Wildlife Group; Local History Group).

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Reports were received.

8. Consideration of Applications for Society Grants

The Grants List for YTD September 2024 was received.

Sydenham Hill and Dulwich Woods "Reunite the Woods" project has secured National Lottery Heritage Fund funding. The Society will be contributing £5,000 and seeking matched funding from members.

Details of Southwark's Cleaner, Greener, Safer Funding and Neighbourhoods 2025/6 Funding were discussed. The deadline for funding applications are 13th October and noon on 21st October respectively.

Action: All members to consider potential capital bids for funding under the Cleaner, Greener, Safer Fund and revenue bids under the Neighbourhoods Fund 2025/6.

9. Trees Sub-committee arrangements

It was agreed that following David Beamish's resignation as Chair of the Trees Sub-committee, the Sub-committee will be amalgamated with the Wildlife Sub-committee under PR's leadership. Various suggestions were explored for adding trees expertise to the committee.

Action: Jeff Segal and Paul Millington to be approached to work with the Society on a Trees blog and articles for the Journal. SO'C to advertise in e-News for members with knowledge of and interest in trees to join the Wildlife/Trees Sub-committee.

10. Other Dulwich Issues and Points from Sub-committee Reports

Reports were also received from Planning & Architecture, Local History, Gardens, Wildlife and Licensing & Events.

Planning and Architecture: PS reported that Southwark has published four special planning documents, one of which has significant environmental content.

Action: PS to send the Southwark planning document with significant environmental content to LJ for comment.

11. Dulwich Estate

SB said the next surgery with DE is in October.

Concern was expressed about the short timescale for paying invoices which were issued in the summer holidays with no reminders.

The arbitration is now settled.

12. AOB

- i) JT reported that he is working with Southwark and the Charter School on a project to seek external funding to restore and publicly display the “Striding Man” sculpture by a pupil of Henry Moore. It is currently at Charter School and not on display. Dulwich Picture Gallery and a representative of the Open Art Project have also been consulted.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 18th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Macandrew Room at Bell House.

The meeting ended at 9.55pm

Heather Stubbs, Secretary,

September 2024

Signed: *James Thompson*

Date: 18th November 2024

(James Thompson , Chair)

Appendix 1 Executive Committee - Register of Interests (as of 16th September 2024)

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

Sue Badman (Vice Chair) - Safeguarding Officer and Member of Parochial Church Council, St Simon Zelotes, Chelsea, SW3; Lay member of Chelsea Deanery Synod; Teacher of English as a Second Language (Chelsea – part of All Souls Church Free English group); Member/Attendee of Dulwich Village Ward Safer Neighbourhood Panel.

Heather Stubbs (Secretary) – Member of Dulwich Picture Gallery Friends Advisory Panel and organiser of Walks and Tours for Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery; Member/Attendee of Dulwich Hill Ward Safer Neighbourhood Panel

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

Patsy Bramble – Member of Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum

Peter Roseveare is a member of the Burbage Road Residents Association

Penny Stern – Chair of Frank Dixon Way & Close RA; Dulwich Society-nominated member of the Advisory Committee of the Scheme of Management of the Dulwich Estate

Jeremy Prescott – Wife is a committee member of Dulwich Park Friends.

Claire Richards - Member of Lambeth Wind Orchestra and a committee member of Dulwich Symphony Orchestra.

Laurie Johnston - Volunteer Chair of Southwark Living Streets; Volunteer Secretary of London Living Streets, the national charity which campaigns for everyday walking and wheeling.

Richard Wingfield is Chair of Southwark Liberal Democrats.

Christine Brandon is vice-chair, publicity officer, events manager and website manager for The Arts Society Dulwich.

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