

St John's Society Annual Report 2019 -2020

Progress over 2019-2020 has been good. Committee members have worked well pursuing their respective responsibilities, especially with regard to specific campaigns or projects where consistent messaging and lobbying can be time consuming. The website has been reinstated and committee members are asked for content. Please contact Chair if you have any ideas for content or wish to contribute.

The Facebook page has been useful in promoting free local events that might be of interest to the people of St Johns. It has also been a good way to consult locals. Rosie (FB+Media) has added to the Admins of FB and met with Zoe (Web Support) to connect the two. Currently 'likes' stand at 142 and 152 followers, an increase from 89 last year.

Revisions of the Constitution have been circulated to members and are to be approved by the Committee at a future Extraordinary Meeting (TBC).

We have been following closely planning and development in the area. Aladdin's Cave, Ashmead School, Bakerloo Line, local planning etc. However, any response as a Society are discussed and agreed at committee meetings.

The noticeboard at the station has been accessed, cleaned and 'fixed' (needs a screwdriver to open each time). We have started to use it to publicise meetings and events.

The Annual Christmas Carols singing at station raised £89.42. Despite the lights at the station not working. Carol sheets have now expanded and updated for next year.

The CPZ has had a mixed response with an increase in the availability of parking during the day during the hours that the CPZ is in force. However, we are still chasing the EV points that we were promised at the initial consultation some years ago, with the CPZ.

Future campaigning may include further bids for money to improve our green areas, the putting up of plaques to commemorate the 1957 crash, step-free access to the station.

The Greening Fund was applied for, to improve the small garden behind the church on Cliff Terrace/St John's Vale, and we were successful. We hope work will begin in the spring. Once improvements have been made, we hope to hold an open day which will also include volunteers planting bulbs and possibly painting the railings again.

We intend to co-ordinate with local committees and societies especially where we have joint interests, whether they be local to St Johns or indeed the whole of Lewisham. Meetings have been set up by me to connect with Chairs of the following groups: Brockley Society, Planning - Brockley Society, Friends of Brookmill Park, Brookmill Conservation Society, Lee Manor Society, Deptford Historic Society, Brookmill Nature Conservation, also PC Rule (Community PC), MP's, local councillors and The Brookmill Pub (who generously allow us to hold meetings).

We also have a need to expand and promote the mailing list. This has yet to be finalised due to investigating ways to ensure that we keep to GDPR. I have taken over access to the last mailing list and hope to sort this out over the next year.

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