



## Committee Meeting

### Meeting Description:

Meeting Name:	St. John's Society Committee Meeting
Date & Time:	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 @ 20:00 Hrs
Venue:	Zoom <a href="https://bbc.zoom.us/j/99734759528/">https://bbc.zoom.us/j/99734759528/</a> + Brookmill Pub
Chair:	Litsa Breingan
Secretary:	GB
Meeting Closed:	22.17

### Attendance:

Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
Litsa Breingan (LB)	Yes	Syd Bolton (SB)	Apologies
Gordon Breingan (GB)	Yes	John Wood (JW)	Yes
Alex Middleton (AM)	No	Rosie Garthwaite (RS)	Yes
Anastasia Saward (AS)	Yes	Paul Middleton (PM)	Yes
Nick Blomstrand (NB)	Yes	Claire Hallam (CH)	Yes

### Agenda:

Item Number	Agenda Items
1	Welcome & Apologies
2	Previous Minutes agreed
3	<p><b>Greening Group including Rain Garden (CH, NB, JW + PM)</b></p> <p>Rain Garden – Contract now signed between LBL and Thames Water £23,000. Construction begins October/November '23.</p> <p>Marcus (LBL) now returned and will liaise with PM/Thames Water and supervise the project. A first in Lewisham.</p> <p>PM + RG to liaise re publicity/social media for above.</p> <p>Greening Talks – New series (September – November) now organised by NB (see dates below). More speakers needed. An advert to be created (RG/NB). GB has offered to print 200 + copies for advertising if received by <b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> October '23</b></p> <p>Discussion of a Community Energy Scheme was discussed. Being VAT registered would help. RG offered help in this area. TBD if a project is launched. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that more research was needed as experience has proven some substantial problems with existing community energy schemes that may need to be overcome/sorted. All comments, regarding this, to be emailed to AS (Anastasia) who kindly offered to collate all information to forward to the council. Deadline for this: <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b></p>

	<p>Breath London – possible group to be included as speakers for our Greening Talk series.</p> <p>A Breath London sensor was positioned on Ashmead School to monitor the pollution levels. The raw data is published and available on their website: <a href="https://www.breathelondon.org/">https://www.breathelondon.org/</a></p> <p>It was decided that we could include the Breathe London website details on SJS Website page ‘Useful Links’ (NB)</p>
4	<p><b>Friends Of Friendly Gardens (RG + PM)</b></p> <p>(Since this meeting, I have received AM’s resignation from the SJS Committee, as she will now be concentrating all her efforts on FOFG of which I understand she is now the Chair. SJS thanks her for all her hard work with SJS and wish her and her new committee well, in the improvements of Friendly Gardens.)</p> <p>FOFG AGM held (That Place in the Park) on 14/9/23 where a new Committee was formed. The FOFG will be run completely independently of SJS, but of course SJS will continue their support of FOFG where they could, if requested (eg Picnic in the Park, Litter Picks etc)</p> <p>Insurance for SJS + FOFG would be jointly held which would result in a huge saving in SJS annual outgoings.</p> <p>Litter and lack of litter bins continue to be a big problem. TBD.</p> <p>Mural (SJS + FOFG, funded by Thames Water) painted (Alma TW) is ongoing.</p> <p>Next Event: No Mow Planting – <b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023</b> 10am Friendly St</p>
5	<p><b>Front Garden Sale + Litter Picks</b></p> <p>Front garden sale raised £127 for SJS and £30 for FOFG</p> <p>A new role for co-ordinating Litter Picks and working with other waste matters in St John’s is needed (AGM 2024).</p> <p>Litter picks has lost the enthusiasm from locals. It was suggested that Litter Picks take place as part of a greater event eg Picnic in the Park, Street Party etc</p> <p>Further promoting on social media (RG) of ways to report flytipping etc:</p> <p>Love Lewisham <a href="https://www.nesta.org.uk/feature/civic-exchange/love-lewisham/">https://www.nesta.org.uk/feature/civic-exchange/love-lewisham/</a></p> <p>Fix My Street <a href="https://www.fixmystreet.com/">https://www.fixmystreet.com/</a></p> <p>Love Clean Streets <a href="https://www.lovecleanstreets.com/reports">https://www.lovecleanstreets.com/reports</a></p> <p>The above apps also include problems in parks (to be checked).</p> <p>Council Street Cleaner (Charlie) – now only cleans every 2 weeks, due to cutbacks.</p>
6	<p><b>Planning (AS+ NB + JW)</b></p> <p>New online spreadsheet devised which we hope will minimise the work required for responding to planning applications in St John’s and beyond.</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> October ’23</b>, we need to respond to Lewisham Amenity Society Consultation. NB + AS have this in hand.</p> <p>Meeting held by AS, JW + NB with Councillor’s Sian, Stephen and Ayesha (3/8/23), re Statement of Community Involvement.</p> <p><b>January ’24</b> there will a consultation re Conservation Area’s in Lewisham. St John’s/Brookmill Road, will be the first to be considered.</p> <p>We need to be ready to respond.</p> <p>In the meantime:</p> <p>50 years of Brockley Conservation Area Conservation – Legacy and Innovation <b>Saturday October 21, 2023</b> @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm <a href="https://brockleysociety.org.uk/">https://brockleysociety.org.uk/</a></p>

7	<p><b>Access to Historic Archive in St John's Church (LB + NB)</b></p> <p>After trying to access the church archives to glean historical snippets for inclusion to SJS website for general background of the area, we have finally been given permission to access. 2.30pm every Wednesday for an hour or so. Any committee member who wishes to join us (Nick or Litsa), please let us know in advance. We have agreed to share any information that we collect with the church as they may wish to put some of our more ecclesiastical findings on their website and also for ensuring nothing sensitive is published.</p> <p>Possible liaison with Stuart (husband of CH) who has professional knowledge and interest in this area.</p>
8	<p><b>Any Other Business (PM)</b></p> <p>TREES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transfer of previous STfL activities / dialogue to be handed over to Greening SubCom in the interim (until a final decision is made on a tree focal point)</li> <li>2. This is needed to continue the current momentum and honour the kind SELCHP £2K donation within a suitable time frame / provide them with visibility so that they might consider us in the future</li> <li>3. Closure of last MoM points raised</li> </ol> <p><i>Paul has agreed to take on the role of Trees from BL. Transfer of information/contacts has begun. Deadline: <b>22<sup>nd</sup> September '23</b></i></p> <p><i>SELPCH in need of a report on SJS status</i></p> <p>WASTE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It might be time to review whether we need a dedicated waste management focal point looking at waste and litter within SJ's.</li> </ol> <p><i>TBD at a future meeting with more time allocated to this subject.</i></p> <p>TRANSPORT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Status of Transport Representative</li> </ol> <p><i>This role will be advertised in advance of the next SJS AGM. Syd, (SB) continues to monitor and would like to remain on the Committee at the next AGM, as an ordinary member.</i></p> <p>TREASURER:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Status of the Treasurer and agree the plan moving forwards</li> </ol> <p><i>Ben Langford, (BL) recently stepped down as Treasurer and Tree Officer. He has agreed to do a hand over with the new Treasurer as soon as one is identified. A role will be advertised in advance of the next SJS AGM.</i></p> <p><i>Again, SJS thanks him for all his hard work with SJS and wish him well.</i></p>

RECRUITMENT:

1. Linked to the above points Waste, Transport and Treasurer - we need to review and agree our strategy to increase Society members to enable a critical mass within SubComs, chosen subjects and volunteering within SJ's
2. To ensure key members of the Society are not overloaded as we progress forwards

*These roles will be advertised in advance of the next SJS AGM. It was suggested that committee members make themselves available to speak at local school's parent's evenings.*

*Roles needed:*

*Chair*

*Secretary*

*Treasurer*

*Transport*

*Website (to liaise with ZN)*

*Waste*

2024 OBJECTIVES:

1. Agree a number of objectives that we feel are achievable in 2024 and what funding might be required.
2. If we don't discuss this now / Q4 23, then before we know it, it will be 2024 and we may have lost some time to achieve those objectives.

*Since we will be having a change of Chair, it was decided that these objectives should be discussed and agreed with the new, incoming Chair. But work can start by bringing these ideas to the next meeting along with possible new committee members.*

Dates for Future meetings (including AGM): Mondays @ 8pm

Venue: Brookmill Pub and/or Zoom:

- 13/11/23
- 05/02/24 (AGM)

Events:

Greening Talks@ Brookmill Pub 8pm:

- 18/10/23
- 1/11/23
- 15/11/23
  
- Advent Windows (December)
- Music Concert 16/3/24 @4pm TBC (SJS/Church Organ Fund Collaboration)