



The St. John's Society Committee Meeting

Meeting Description:

Meeting Name:	St. John's Society Committee Meeting
Date & Time:	Monday 24 th April 2023 @ 20:00 Hrs
Venue:	Zoom https://bbc.zoom.us/j/99734759528/ + Brookmill Pub
Chair:	Litsa Breingan
Secretary:	GB
Meeting Closed:	10.05pm

Attendance:

Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
Litsa Breingan (LB)	Yes		
Gordon Breingan (GB)	Yes	John Wood (JW)	Yes
Alex Middleton (AM)	Apologies	Rosie Garthwaite (RS)	Apologies
Anastasia Saward (AS)	Yes	Ben Langford (BL)	Online Yes
Nick Blomstrand (NB)	Yes	Claire Hallam (CH)	Yes
Syd Bolton (SB)	Apologies	Paul Middleton (PM)	Apologies

Agenda:

Item Number	Agenda Items	Presenter	Duration (minutes)
1	Welcome & Apologies	LB	2
2	Previous Minutes to be agreed	LB	2
3	Update: Friendly Gardens + Party in the Park 18/6/23	CC +LB	5
4	Update: Greening Group	NB +JW	5
5	Update: Rain Garden	PM	5
6	Update: Planning	NB + AS	5
7	Update: Trees	BL	5
8	Radio 4 Guest Editing Slot	CH	5
9	Any Other Business	All	10

Minutes:

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1	Welcome & Apologies	Apologies RG, SB, PM, AM
2	Previous Minutes to be agreed	Agreed
3	Update: Friendly Gardens + Party in the Park 18/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FOFG had a successful meeting (21/4/23) re organisation of 'Picnic in the Park'• Date now moved to original date (18/6/23) to coincide with Father's Day and International Picnic Day due to being unsuccessful in our funding bid for £300• Greenwich based Fire Brigade have agreed to attend with a Fire Engine to show the children• LB to get in touch with 'That Place in the Park' (Drop-in nursery) to forge links,• LB to attend Thames Water Drop-In session (26/4/23). Advertised on our Social Media.• LB to attend meeting (27/4/23) Glendale. FOFG, LBC re installation of play equipment in Friendly Gardens.
4	Update: Greening Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Huge congratulations to all involved for these highly successful meetings/talks.• Concluding session (no 6) to be announced. To include a choir (Deptford Community Choir) 'The Big Conversation' to coincide with FOFG 'Picnic in the Park'• Only 2 speakers per talk should be invited so as not to over-run• Try to keep to strict timings• AS, JW + NB to research Royal George Pub as possible venue.• Future Talks: Dot (Green Party), Cllr Krupski and ? Invite Railway Meadow Stick to Mondays, if possible.
5	Update: Rain Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 2022 SJS bid for funding a rain garden, from Thames Water, was successful for £10,000. Marcus (Lewisham Council) helped but is now on sabbatical.• NB + PM have met with LBC for the next steps• Thames Water and LBC will find the money to ensure that it happens (as we probably need more than £10,000).• Sarah Raven (Ashmead Rd) has agreed to donate plants.• Dates TBC

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6	Update: Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-think meetings. Fewer needed. More could be decided by email. A simple template will be devised. • SJS need to report how many planning applications that we respond to. • AS + NB are now jointly responsible as our Planning Officers (SJS) and will arrange to meet with Cllr Stephen when possible, to liaise further • Bolton St Bike Shed – Planning refused by LBC.
7	Update: Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mature trees are very important. • LB to meet Cllr Krupski and report back to SJS Committee • SELCP £2000 given to us for tree planting and they are happy to roll this over to next year and new roads identified for the planting. <p>We have had to identify sites to plant trees (in collaboration with STfL). It has been quite a challenge as not all home-owners want a tree on the pavement outside their house. It has been difficult to get the permission (which we like to have as a courtesy) before planting the trees. Although there are worries that trees decrease the value of property, it in fact has the opposite effect.</p> <p>The last of the 3 trees that SJS had crowdfunded for, finally got put in, after a delay that was chased up not only by SJS but our local councillors and representatives in LBC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brookmill Park Update: 30 trees were donated by a local resident and have now been planted in the park, following the uproar of so many trees being cut down in January.
8	Radio 4 Guest Editing Slot	<p>CH has not heard back yet. But questions have now arisen through our application: Are we doing enough to represent the area? What can we do to improve?</p>
9	Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SJS Litter Pick: - RG trying to liaise our dates with LBC • RG + Partner planted bulbs in St John's Garden which have now come up and added glorious colour to the small park. • SJS Website: Please forward any articles/photos of local interest to NB. • SJS + St John's Church Concert raised £600 • Prendegast Academisation: There is a local campaign to fight the academisation of Prendegast School. Many locals are unhappy including NEU etc. A decision will be made 5th May 23. Information about this has been put on our social media with links to follow for petitions etc
	Future Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates for Future meetings (including AGM): • Mondays @ 8pm Venue: Brookmill Pub and/or Zoom • 17/7/23 18/9/23 13/11/23 • Planning Meetings: TBC • 5/2/24 AGM • Events: • 18/6/23 Picnic in the Park (Collaboration with FOFG) • April – October 23 St John's Litter Pickers (TBC)