



### Meeting Description:

Meeting Name:	St. John's Society Committee Meeting- AGM
Date & Time:	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 @ 19:30 Hrs
Venue:	Royal George
Chair:	Paul Middleton
Meeting Closed:	21:30

### Attendance:

Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
Paul Middleton (PM)	Yes	Christine C (CC) (FOFG)	Yes
Claire Hallam (CH)	Yes	Kim Thundercliffe (KT)	Yes
John Wood (JW)	Yes	Rosie Garthwaite (RS)	Yes
Anastasia Saward (AS)	Yes	Alex Middleton (FOFG)	Yes
Nick Blomstrand (NB)	Apologies	Coleen Blackburn (CB)	Yes
John Wood (JW)	Yes	David Inge (DI)	Yes
Anastasia Saward (AS)	Yes		

No	Item	Agenda	Discussion
1	Chair's introduction		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Welcome</li></ul>
2	Refresh Our Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What is it that we in SJS are there to do?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>John has some great thoughts on this (mission statement) - rollover to next agenda</li></ul>
3	Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Treasurer – CC – has all paperwork now been completed to allow transfer of responsibilities?</li><li>Secretary (CH to be voted in)</li><li>Waste?</li><li>Transport?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Christine is now treasurer. She has signed all paperwork and sent it to NatWest, this should come to Paul to sign when NatWest have processed.</li><li>Claire was voted in as Secretary (John, Paul, Anastasia, Rosie and Christine)</li><li>Coleen was voted in as the Waste Representative (John, Paul, Anastasia, Rosie and Christine).</li><li>Transport position remains open as Syd has formally stated he would like to remain informed and will provide legal advice but can't actively cover a role at the moment. Paul will cover for now – roll over to next agenda.</li><li>The Constitution – How do we know we are members – Anastasia has applied for SJS to be formally recognised as an amenity group.</li></ul>

4	Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas for future web/ social media content, articles</li> <li>• Additional poster boards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some residents haven't received flyers in the past and don't use social media. Handing out flyers is passive, and people don't read them. Could we look at our own networks and actively recruit a person each? Could this involve a mention in the church. Rosie has spoken to the Church before.</li> <li>• We need to define what the recruitment metric in section 4 looks like.</li> <li>• The Greening talks have been excellent for engagement and content for website. (Nick has stepped back from Greening talks so will be led by John and Claire). John would like to use Zoom to record the meetings (Fathom software) to make editing easier.</li> <li>• Do we need boards for signage or is there too much?</li> <li>• Deadline for volunteering interviews.</li> </ul>
5	Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The council are looking at the two conservation areas and retro fitting now a climate emergency has been declared. Nick and Anastasia are working on this.</li> </ul>
6	Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review a list of funding opportunities that can be identified and inserted into a calendar moving forwards.</li> <li>• Agree funding schedule so we are clear on what, why and when we need to submit in order to be well positioned for success</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A funding plan should be brought to the meeting at the beginning of the year. For example, what do we want to fund and then we can find suitable grants/ funders. We have the DLR/ Groundwork fund in the pipeline and a local garden fund that are both related to raingardens.</li> <li>• Funding opportunities and Schedule – rollover to next agenda</li> </ul>
7	Collaboration with other community groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify how FOFG would like to work with SJS and what would provide the most enabling support?</li> <li>• Can SJS support other groups and who are these?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation done on the progress of the park improvement plan – FOFG would like help with their funding bid. FOFG have to remain independent as they have different constitutional objectives (for funding) but would like to join SJS Greening for meetings.</li> <li>• Paul would like to speak to Subo about Florence Road and their achievements and identify areas to collaborate on and sharing of ideas.</li> <li>• We have a good relationship with 'That Place in the Park'</li> <li>• Paul would like to engage with the Brockley Society and the Brookmill Society, but also fully understand other Societies and Friends Groups adjacent to St Johns.</li> </ul>

8	Brookmill Nature Reserve and Sustainable Streets forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a focal point and create a plan to be shared with the council.</li> <li>Confirm open day (planned for 20<sup>th</sup> April)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is still in the early stages and will require further meetings committed to this as an item. Alex (FOFG) is meeting with Jess and will feedback to anyone interested. Rosie suggested that SJS girls' group may be a good place to recruit. Do we vote to be part of this as SJS? – rollover to next agenda.</li> <li>Sustainable Streets forum - rollover</li> </ul>
9	Dates for Future Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mondays @ 8pm</li> <li>Venue: Brookmill Pub and/or Zoom</li> <li>22/4/24, 10/6/24, 16/9/24, 11/11/24</li> <li>AGM 2025: 3/2/25</li> <li>Planning Meetings: TBC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The venue was too noisy and lacked Wi-Fi. The Brookmill is better suited or consider 'That Place in the Park' or the Church. John can't make Mondays so maybe the meetings could alternate to suit.</li> <li>Dates – Rollover to next agenda</li> <li>Planning meetings – Anastasia had a couple of important meetings cancelled on her which is frustrating as she took time off work.</li> </ul>
10	Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16/3/24 Concert (Collaboration SJS + St John's Church)</li> <li>June: Picnic in Park (Collaboration with FOFG)</li> <li>April-Oct: St John's Litter Pickers TBC</li> <li>Greening Talks: TBC</li> <li>Traffic Talks: TBC</li> <li>Sept: BrocSoc Front Garden Sale TBC</li> <li>Dec '24: Advent Windows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rollover to next agenda</li> <li>Picnic in the Park organisation meeting to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March at the Brookmill. Date to be decided for the picnic (possibly the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> June or the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> July, suggestions welcome)</li> <li>Litter picks - TBC</li> <li>Greening talks will start again in April (possibly a Sunday or to be held in the Church)</li> <li>Traffic talks as suggested by Darren Gotch to be confirmed as part of the greening talks.</li> <li>Gardens sale - TBC</li> <li>Advent windows - TBC</li> </ul>
11	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A space for people to raise issues they would like to deal with ASAP, general ideas or agenda items for the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Could we run a street planting/window boxes/hanging basket competition?</li> <li>Can we remove some of the signage from the St Johns Garden, it doesn't help the poo issue and looks dreadful – Maybe a proper poo bag dispenser?</li> <li>Can we run a regreening initiative with the flooding team at Lewisham council for concrete front gardens (engage with Marcus)?</li> </ul>

**2024 Overall Objectives (metrics)**

Recruit 4 new members

Establish Brookmill Nature Reserve (BNR) committee/ friends' group

Submit 2 funding proposals

Establish sustainable streets forum

Become a recognised amenity group (Suggestion)

Item	Actions	Responsible
1	CC to email Ben and cc Nick and Paul and to confirm whether signed paperwork will be sent to Paul. Can we get our insurance cheaper through the NatWest account? What is the Process for PayPal notifications?	CC
2	Anastasia and Nick are working on the Constitution and application to have SJS registered as a formal amenity group for planning. Do we need to make this easier to find on the website?	Anastasia and Nick
3	Paul to add Coleen (and David if he wants to join) to the WhatsApp group	Paul
4	To look at our own networks and recruit a friend to join	All
5	Rosie to produce a new flyer, to discuss an announcement at the Church and give everyone a deadline for their volunteering interviews for website content.	Rosie
6	What would we like to fund and what funding opportunities are out there. Can we email these to Paul to collate a schedule for the next meeting.	All
7	Paul and Nick to complete the Groundwork/ DLR application for raingarden funding.	Paul and Nick
8	Contact Subo, Brockley Society and Brookmill Society	Paul
9	Help make the Brookmill Road Nature Reserve open day a success!	All
10	Dates for Greening talks and content (provisional)	John and Claire
11	Dates for litter picks and any other waste related activities we can do (Rosie to hand over info about new bins to Colleen)	Coleen and Rosie
12	Paul to confirm a date with Darren Gotch for a traffic talk as part of the Greening schedule.	Paul
13	Committee members to consider what they would like to achieve during 2023/2024 and provide to Paul, so that a plan can be created and tracked (based on metrics)	All

**Next meeting on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024**