



Meeting Description:	
Meeting Name:	St. John's Society Bi-Monthly Committee Meeting
Date & Time:	17 th June 2024 @ 19:30
Venue:	Zoom https://bbc.zoom.us/j/99734759528
Chair:	Paul Middleton (PM)
Secretary:	Claire Hallam (CH)
Meeting Closed:	21:30
Next Meeting Date	16 th September 2024 @ 19:30

Attendance:			
Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
Paul Middleton (PM)	Yes	Alma Tischlerwood (AT)	Yes
Claire Hallam (CH)	Yes	Coleen Blackburn (CB)	No (apologies)
John Wood (JW)	No (apologies)	Tom Lomax (TL)	No (apologies)
Anastasia Saward (AS)	No (apologies)	Kim Thundercliffe (KT)	No (apologies)
Nick Blomstrand (NB)	Yes		
Christine C (CC)	Yes		
Rosie Garthwaite (RS)	Yes		
Bernd Rossmannith (BR)	Yes		

Item	2024 Performance Objectives	Status
1	Recruit 4 new members (Kim, Christine, Bernd, Tom)	100%
2	Establish Brookmill Nature Reserve (BNR) friends' group	100%
3	Submit 2 funding proposals / Establish new income streams / methods	0%
4	Establish Green Conversations agenda and plan	100%
5	Establish sustainable streets forum (awaiting results from Darren Gotch)	0%

Item	Description	Agenda Items	Comments
1	Chair's intro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA
2	Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New members to be identified wherever possible.
3	Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General updates Ideas for future web / social media content, articles Where to advertise activities Optimise the planning of events Live streaming of Green Conversations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events and news will be published online, via social media (X, Insta and FB) and hard copies distributed across SJ's in the following locations: Brookmill Pub, Talbot Pub, Middleton's Café, SJ's Garden Sign Board, SJ's Station Sign Board, The Royal George Pub, The Royal Standard Pub and Friendly Street Café Live streaming on insta and facebook being organised and updates will be published ahead of upcoming events
4	Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Johns and Brookmill Road Character Appraisals Individual Planning Applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication received from Lewisham that the work to commence the Character Appraisal for both conservation areas has been delayed. Lewisham to advise timetable following General Election. Walkaround with planners, local councillors and other interested groups and stakeholders delayed and awaiting revised date and time. Only one application reviewed (tree) since last meeting.

6	Greening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rain Gardens (SUD's) • Trees and Plants • SJ's Garden • Renovation projects • Reduction of concrete / asphalt • Parklets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings are continuing with Marcus Gayle, PM, NB and AM and consultations will be communicated to discuss the SJ's regreening / SUDs initiatives during July and Aug. • Trees to be planted in Sept/Oct 2024 in the following locations and additional trees will be identified and planted near to schools as part of the 'Big Give' initiative (this will be updated by STFL in July): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 117 Albyn Road - Approved ○ Opp 32 Strickland Street - Approved ○ 43 Strickland Street - Approved ○ 50 Ashmead Road – Approved • A SJ's Tree Forum is to be set-up to enable better visibility for the community on what trees are to be removed and or pruned, so that people are more informed and also this will support new tree funding planning/strategies. • Additional plants are required for the Thornville raingarden and St Johns Garden and the community are invited to donate plants. • During June new soil was placed within the St Johns Garden and cosmos and cornflowers were planted in the raised beds. • The ownership of the woodland/scrubland next to SJ station car park has now been identified and this belongs to Network Rail. Further work will now be progressed to further the discussion on planting concepts, which will incl funding reviews. A consultation exercise will be undertaken to ensure community involvement. • Identify locations and support guerilla planting initiatives wherever possible.
7	Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Streets • Network Rail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During May/June traffic flows were monitored within St Johns via traffic tubes installed by the council. Once elections are completed consultations will take place in association with sustainable streets. • No change to the roll out of Albyn Road school street which is to be implemented this financial year. • St John's Station Access committee established and once elections are completed progress will be resumed.
8	Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter Picking • Dog Waste • Fly tipping • Bins on Friendly Street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates to be communicated to the SJ community for litter picking via website, social media and creation of a poster with dates, times and location. • Dog waste is an issue within SJ's and options / discussions are being held. • Fly tipping to be monitored and residents advised to utilise the app 'love clean streets'. The more this is utilised the more it will be easier for the council to monitor and be able to use that data to support change. • Bins on Friendly Street have now been removed in line with provision of rubbish bags as per council process.

9	Arts and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murals • Ghost signs • Graffiti 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thornville Street Raingarden Mural is being discussed with Network rail. • We should review the renovation of historical street signs within St Johns. This can be a subject for 2025.
10	Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review a list of funding opportunities that can be identified. • Agree funding schedule so we are clear on what, why and when we need to submit in order to be well positioned for success. • Funding needs to consider day to day running of SJS and identified / agreed projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • SJS has now obtained a chip and pin machine which shall be used at events. • Local businesses to be contacted to assess desire to support SJS funding. • FOFG have obtained quotes for identified works, this will now be progressed with the Council and TW for further review.
11	Collaboration with other community groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of Friendly Gardens • Florence Road • Brookmill Park • Brookmill Road • Brockley Society • St Johns Railway Meadow • Brookmill Road Local Nature Reserve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing meetings being held with other society groups to reinforce community support and sharing of ideas.
12	Brookmill Road Local Nature Reserve (BRLNR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the creation of the Brookmill Road Local Nature Reserve Friends Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A second open day was held in June and again a huge success with many people in attendance. • Website domain and emails now being established. • Constitution being established. • Subsequent open days to be planned during July and August with a formal meeting to be held in September.
13	Future Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mondays @ 7:30pm • Venue: Brookmill Pub and/or Zoom • 22/4/24, 17/6/24, 16/9/24, 11/11/24 • AGM 2025: 3/2/25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee meetings block booked at the Brookmill Pub
14	Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 6th: Picnic in Park • April-Oct: Litter Pickers • April-Nov: Green Conversations • Sept: BrocSoc Front Garden Sale • Dec '24: Advent Windows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic in the Park 6th July and now advertised • Litter picks ongoing and dates to be provided for communication. • Green conversations ongoing and have to date been a huge success.
15	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A space for people to raise issues they would like to deal with ASAP, general ideas or agenda items for the next meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could we run a street planting/window boxes/hanging basket competition – review this plan for 2025. • IT/Web support required – feel free to contact PM or CH if of interest.

Actions:

Item	Category	Actions	Who	When
1	Finance and Funding	Chip and pin 'Sum-up' reader now obtained and to be available at the next Green conversations and further events from now on. Donation tin to be brought to greening conversation / other events	PM/CC	June
2	Insurance	2024/25 insurance now renewed and paid for.	CC	June
3	Communications & Engagement	Posters shall be distributed as a minimum to the locations mentioned and social media utilised as needed. Continue to work with other Societies and Friends Groups to build relationships, share knowledge and learnings.	All	Ongoing
4	Recruitment	Continue to look at our own networks / neighbours and recruit a friend to join etc	All	Always
5	Waste	New bins promised are still to be confirmed. Once elections are over and parliament resumes this will be further looked into. Dates for litter picks and any other waste related activities to be communicated via social media. AT to confirm litter pick dates up to September, so we can communicate on SM and also to the Cubs/Scouts etc. Identify options to reduce dog poo within SJ's Work with Ellie (Lewisham Council) and monitor street litter observed within SJ's. Friendly Street wheely bins have now been removed and focus on rubbish bags as per council policy is now the norm. This has reduced pavement congestion and will be monitored. Communicate 'Love Clean Streets' App around St Johns to encourage people to register fly tipping occurrences within the local area. Create and print off flyers / communicate via social media to raise awareness.	RG RG / AT RG PM/CC CC RG	Jun / Jul Jun / Jul July July June July
6	Greening	Ownership of the land adjacent to the station is now confirmed and that it is owned by Network Rail. Next step is to obtain main network rail focal point and then to include within the consultation exercise moving forwards, so that ideas can be generated on its use. Support RG with some credible concepts that we can supply to Network Rail for consideration at the early stage. Continue meetings with Marcus Gayle with regards to greening initiatives and street consultation plan in line with budgets/funding. Questions to be defined for this consultation exercise (holistic review). Nick to meet with Alex to define a list of questions that we would like to engage the community with. Scheduling of quarterly weeding and general maintenance of Thornville rain garden to be communicated. Tree Forum to be setup with Lewisham Tree Officer, STFL and SJS to obtain visibility of tree cutting / pruning activities within	RG/PM/NB NB/PM/AM PM PM	July June / July July July / Aug

		<p>St Johns. Email sent on 17th June to local councillors to request their support and guidance as advised by STfL.</p> <p>Short video being progressed in support of the SUDs awards. We have been put forward as a potential winner of the national SUDs competition and should know more come June 26th. This will be extremely beneficial to any new SUDs schemes that we in SJ's apply for funding on.</p>	PM/JW/NB	June
7	Brookmill Road Local Nature Reserve (BRLNR)	<p>Creation of the BRLNR is going well, with a highly motivated group now taking on this responsibility. Further open days planned in July and August with a formal meeting to be held in September. These dates will be communicated once firmed up.</p> <p>Website and emails being set up with the domain name as follows: www.brookmillnaturereserve.com</p> <p>SJS to continue to support and update as the friends group becomes further established.</p>	PM	July
8	Arts and Culture	<p>Network rail murals to be updated and Rosie has kindly offered her support. Alma to create a draft Thornville Rd concept for review. Dates to be confirmed.</p>	AT / RG	June / July
9	Transport	<p>St John's Station Access committee group established by Stephen Penfold. Joint meeting setup with Brookmill Road Society and other Groups to be confirmed. We are now awaiting next steps from Councillors to enable us to proceed with the next actions.</p> <p>Continue to work with Darren Gotch on sustainable streets and support with community consultation where needed. An email has been sent to the Council to obtain visibility of the next actions to be taken on this subject.</p>	NB/PM/TL PM/TL	July July
10	Events	<p>Green conversations ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate live streaming protocol ahead of events. <p>Picnic in the Park on July 6th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support distribution of flyers • Continue to identify and provide raffle prizes (already obtained): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Talbot Pub £50 voucher ○ Brookmill Pub £50 voucher ○ Hortiz £30 plant / candle voucher ○ Marcella £50 voucher ○ KJ Supplies £80 voucher • To be obtained: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everest Curry (Nick) ○ Isla Ray (Nick) ○ Art donation (Tom) ○ Art donation (Alma) ○ Autograph of Dr Who (Nick) (<i>can we bring him to the Picnic in the Park</i>) ○ Further items to be provided such as bottles of plonk / soft drinks / Anything worthy etc (All) • Plants for the plant stall if you have spare plants / cuttings etc to be provided to Christine. • General support on the day if you are available to support would be welcomed and if so contact Alex Middleton / Christine Cronin. 	NB/RG PM/RG/CH All	June June / July June / July

	Planning	<p>Conservation Area reviews for Brookmill Road and St John's ongoing and being coordinated by Senior Conservation and Design Officer. Further updates to be communicated on this subject.</p> <p>Working on list of key issues for consideration once the Character Appraisal work begins.</p>	<p>NB/JW/AS</p> <p>NB/AS/ JW</p>	<p>July</p> <p>July</p>
11	AOB	<p>Is there anyone we know within SJS that can support with the website and or do we know anyone that might be able to offer some 'free' time from the area.</p> <p>Further work with 1st New Cross Cubs/Scouts in utilising them for worthy community causes</p>	<p>All</p> <p>PM</p>	<p>June / July</p> <p>July</p>