



## JAG Annual General Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.2011

### Minutes (approved 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Tim Fairhurst (TF); Julia Wait (JW); Louise Belson (LB); Christine van Duren (CD); Cllr. Marcia Cameron (MC); Ophelia Nazareth (ON); Peter Clasen (PC); Elizabeth Owen (EO); Christopher Anene (L&Q); Len Villa (LV); Ginn Villa (GV); Graham Lane (GL); Naz Persaud (NP); Philip Barcham (PB); Emmanuel Parrenin (EP); Najia Mukhtar (NM); Sara Leon (SL); Cllr. Ruth Ling (RL); Sam Anderson (SA); Phil

**APOLOGIES:** Victoria Lorkin-Lange; Garry Turnbull; Sibs Walter; Victoria Clasen; Safer Neighbourhood Team; Cllr. Adedamola Aminu

**Venue:** Braza's restaurant, Tulse Hill (kindly offered free of charge providing some wine bought etc)

#### 1. Welcome and introduction

Welcome from TF. Thanks to Christopher from L&Q for attending; thanks to team at Braza's for hosting.

#### 2. Minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> September

**Vote:** minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> September approved

#### 3. Treasurer's Report and discussion

EP passed round copies of accounts; they will be published on newsgroup. We spent a little more than was earned due to lower income from UA. There is c.£6,000 in reserve.

Questions for group: We should think about what we want to do and how we want to spend the cash: money left over after expenses for donations or something else? Are projected numbers realistic for what we want to do for next year? Keep same costs for next year?

MC suggested that there might be public money available for Queen's jubilee; we will wait to hear news from the council. She will find out and report.

LB gave overview of street-clean food expenses. Food costs can be left to those doing it-donations and/or paid for by JAG.

TF: In 2011 JAG has voted to support local youth football team (Sudbourne Sevens which was a success; Tulse Hill gardening project were given £100. What is process for good causes we support? This is later in agenda but we can address now:

SA: Should we come up with a theme every year perhaps? At least then there will be a structure.

EO: On the whole, money should go back to street rather than outside; money for grants on trees etc.

TF: We have to bear in mind that trees and gardens are mostly on private property, so how JAG offers to support that needs to be carefully handled. How we look after space that's private etc.

NP: There should be signs regarding parking, especially on even side. One estate agent had told tenants in 24 that they could use 26 to park.

LB: would you like signs and what would be way of solving problems? Lets get info of what people would like to do re the parking. (see **Parking** below)

TF: We've talked before about getting money for a survey on the trees. Maybe a survey first to say which are dangerous etc. L&Q have been v. good of late in taking care of trees on their property.

LB: We need a questionnaire regarding rush common, trees, parking etc...Need people from all areas of the street. Peter (and one other) volunteered to help.

Phil: Elizabeth raised a good point regarding JA causes. They should not be for anything other than JA; expressed concerns that JAG getting involved in business outside of JA

TF: Glad you raised that. My sense is that Tulse Hill Forum (THF) is just to inform people of what is happening rather than a cause in itself; we are part of what is happening locally, and one of the groups people can connect with. But you are right, JAG is for our local social cohesion and the immediate environment. Street party good example of the kind of thing we can support financially in the street.

MC: THF is residents in TH, businesses and orgs, all communicating by email. So far we have various groups connecting up, and all can take part. We have a representative from here in form of LB. They are involved in



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youth strategy work, projects to take people on trips, bike blinging projects etc. Another group looks at the green issues. Lots of people planting and growing veg, rearing chickens etc. Some people are in isolation so THF is coordinating them etc. THF applied for money from forum network and got small amount but we want to become self-sustainable. I want to emphasise that this is not a council thing, it's a residents' thing.

LB: Street clean costs are now minimal but real costs borne by Freshview. We will have 3 events this year, not 4 due to their success. We will not have skips for one of them this year. I suggest that we 'skip the skips' this year and see how it goes. We could have in spring that we could call the 'planting' one when we will not need skips. Freshview has been such a success that it is now running on Sats and Suns so no guarantee of Keith being present for our events. (But he probably will come because he likes the JA one). We will still have community payback teams though. We will still have them even if we are running it ourselves. Skips are around £120 a day.

**Vote:** Accounts and estimates accepted

**Action:** Further consultation needed, including causes JAG should support

#### 4. Election of officers

TF: Does anyone else want to get involved? Offer remains open; involvement doesn't need to be formal, just help with some of the admin tasks etc is useful. That said there are formalities to observe:

All officers stood down.

PC willing to stand and proposed as co-chair **Vote:** Accepted, PC re-elected.

TF willing to stand and proposed as co-chair **Vote:** Accepted, TF re-elected.

JW willing to stand and proposed as co-sec **Vote:** Accepted, JW re-elected.

EP willing to stand and proposed as treasurer **Vote:** Accepted, EP re-elected.

#### Police, Safety and Council

#### 5. Update from Safer Neighbourhood Team

Apologies received

#### 6. Neighbourhood Watch

TF: We are now a Neighbourhood Watch (NW) area. We have packages of information regarding this. Packs handed out to distribute to neighbours etc. We need a co-ordinator for NW. Need volunteers to help with admin and communication.

**Action:** identify volunteers to help co-ordinate NW

#### 7. Update from Lambeth Council

MC: Informed group about recent Winter fair. Tulse Hill Forum wants to become more sustainable, so has decided to let residents have stalls for 10 gbp on Rush Common. The money will go towards the upkeep of rush common and community groups. You're such an organised group, so better for THF to partner with more groups. St Matthews could be had at cheap cost going to top of rush common. Was planned for 3/12 but proving difficult. Could have a bring-and-buy or stalls, with money going to ourselves and so forth. All part of THF anyway. (The fair did indeed go ahead and was a great success considering the time constraints. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Orj\\_iziVV0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Orj_iziVV0) )

TF: Thank you to councillors for attending. They will be staying after the end of the meeting for any questions.

#### Environment and Community

#### 8. Licensing, planning and development

##### Electric Ballroom

MC: Electric Ballroom (EB) is applying for wrestling and boxing licence. We have had reports that such events usually see fighting outside afterwards.

TF: Does group want to express concerns formally given apparent lack of consultation?

RL: Lambeth is very good at public consultation; JA is probably outside the area of consultation re EB.



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Other comments: Will the extension have an effect on parking? PC: Is it not a bit early to complain? SA; This looks like another example of 'mission creep' for 24-hour Brixton. EP The capacity of the EB is 1300, I believe. MC: The Council's main objection is the 4 am closing time. Chicken King would like to extend to become a restaurant.; Costcutter would like to become a restaurant too.

TF: JAG can write letter to Esther Jones (Lambeth licensing) regarding licensing policy in this matter. We are still waiting to see what local MP thinks about businesses v residential issues, and 24- hour party people etc.

### **South Beach**

TF: The South Beach (SB) appeal is to be heard on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. It is still appropriate to express concerns arising from the operation there. Even if you have written to express concerns previously, it is important to do it again. They (SB) will infer that things have got better.

### **London and Quadrant / JAG engagement**

Chris (L&Q); You clearly have some exciting projects at JAG. What would you like to see happen in the avenue? What would residents like to see change in properties owned by LQ?

LB: It would be good to try and find spaces for composting, bin storage etc. And it would be great if L&Q were to get involved in street cleans. I think that L&Q residents are unsure of their rights regarding their gardens.

MC: I have met with Housing Association on St Martin's estate. They had a residents' bill to empower them. That changed the way that HA operated by handing powers back to community.

MC: Is funding available from L&Q to help residents do work in JA?

TF: The street party in the summer took part in L&Q garden.

SA; There needs to be care taken over conflict between kids on JA and St Matthews as there are territorial gang issues.

Chris: I can invite neighbourhood investment team from L&Q to come to the next meeting. I think they would be excited to come.

ON: L&Q have been very good at coming to mow the garden at my house.

SA: Some of the LQ houses have knotweed problems.

Chris: The information regarding the knotweed has been passed to a surveyor and, if it is our responsibility, we will act immediately. Please feel free to email me if houses have problems. I will speak to the director and deal with it.

### **Parking**

Discussion about need for signage, possible control scheme and use of JAG funds for same; see above.

**Action:** Residents survey needed re parking – maybe combine with survey re priorities and preferences for funding. To be developed.

## **11. Dates for 2012**

### **Rush common survey**

LB: Lambeth have requested a survey for all rush common (RC). There has not been one for decades. It will take a look at general health of the land and ascertain what has been built that could be said to be in breach. This will involve forms etc. The survey will enable us to prosecute any breaches. The second part is regarding the flora and fauna. That info will be useful, as we will then know how best to look after it and use it for community benefit in the future. We might be able to get funding if we have the right info and then we can do something extraordinary with the land. The draft survey has now been done, so if anyone interested in helping that would be great. Photos, bit of walking around the areas in question, that kind of stuff. Ideally, people in different parts of RC etc.. **[04/05 Feb. 10.30am 21 JA for practical demo. of survey techniques]**

TF: There has already been a lot of work done on this, so thanks to LB.

### **Street Clean**

LB: Street clean tentative dates – do we prefer Sat or Sun, or alternate? Group thought alternating best.

Freshview has become increasingly effective so has to spread its resources more widely, especially in current financial constraints.

### **Urban Art**

This will take place the weekend of 14/15 July, the one before Lambeth Country Fair. Tim Sutton was not present so no report nor follow-up on previous meetings' discussion.

### **JAG meetings**

Group agreed that number of meetings in 2011 felt about right; similar intended for 2012; Mon/Tue ideal.



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## 12. Communications

Out of time so postponed for another meeting; things to consider include what would be the best way to communicate what events are happening locally; leafleting cumbersome; newsgroup only reaches some people.

## Other Business

### Tribute to Anne Brown

EO asked for the meeting to remember the sad passing of long-time JA resident and JAG stalwart Anne Brown. She lived at 3 JA for the best part of 60 years, most of them with her husband, the local GP Dr Patrick Brown. She will be missed by all. ON said that she saw Anne shortly before she died, and that she had asked for her love to be sent to all at JAG. Her memorial service will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec; all welcome.

Her cakes will be missed too, so, as a way of hopefully continuing her work, here is her famous apple cake recipe, courtesy of JW:

#### Ingredients.

10 ozs self-raising flour  
1 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1 ½ teaspoons ground cloves  
8 oz demerara sugar  
4 ozs melted butter  
2 large beaten eggs  
6 fl ozs milk  
8 ozs dessert apples (peeled, cored and chopped)

#### Instructions:

Sift flour, cinnamon and cloves into large mixing bowl  
Sift in sugar  
Mix in beaten eggs and milk and stir well  
Add apples and blend in well  
Turn into 8 in sq cake tin and sprinkle 1 tablespoon of demerara sugar on top  
Bake in a 180C or 320F or gas mark 4 for 1 to 1 ¼ hours  
Turn on to a rack to cool

Enjoy!!