

# JOSEPHINE AVENUE GROUP

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### 21 NOVEMBER 2014

In attendance:

Tim Sutton (Chair), Nick Berry, Ophelia Nezerch, Elizabeth Owen, Hillary Box (Treasurer), Sunil Rai, Frances Forrest, Cheryl Brewster

1. Apologies: Marion Woodward(Secretary), Gary Turnbull, Geoff Blake
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. The Treasurer presented the annual income & expenditure accounts (attached) and a copy of the bank statement for the year (available on request to residents). JAG has £5,884.25 in the bank. The Treasurer was thanked for her work during the year.
4. The Chair presented his report
  - Street Clean; the October clean went well, L&Q thanked for stepping in to help with the use of a skip (Lambeth has reduced the number of skips available to community groups to 4). However, the number of volunteers is falling. This is partially addressed in (6) below.
  - Street Party – a huge success, voted unanimously to be repeated 2015. See (5). Nick Berry was thanked for organising the event.
  - No parking signs; JAG has paid for No Parking signs for the carriageway on the even side. No one was at the meeting from the area covered to report on the success or otherwise of the signs.
  - CPZ; the chair reported that Lambeth is belatedly embarking on a borough-wide parking review. Brixton Hill ward is first under consideration and their councillor is championing this integration. Chair to write to 3 J Ave councillors to request their support of this rational approach; in particular to request that J Ave is considered alongside Brixton Hill, rather than on a piecemeal basis, as it was the CPZ on Brixton Hill that triggered the need for one in J Ave.

- Website; indications that it is working well. Please contribute – it is for all. Tim was thanked for the weekly newsletter which was praised for its usefulness. Elizabeth would like to see more nature articles and was invited to write a regular blog.
- Twitter; an excellent way of spreading local news, concerns and celebrations – please follow & retweet

## 5. Street Party Report

Voted one of the best days we've ever had in the street. The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to Len and the band and the sound desk; and the donations from Fortress Lock, the grant from Tulse Hill forum and prize vouchers from Sainsburys.

Nick volunteered to organise the 2015 event. It was agreed that more resources will be made available for the next Street Party – eg for a small budget to shift chairs & tables. We may also pay for the barriers to be manned as some volunteers were stuck there for hours.

The Street Party will be organised by a sub-committee which has no other duties or remit. This should encourage participation by those not interested in other aspects of JAG.

The date was agreed as Sunday 7 June 2015.

## 6. Hedge Trimming Proposal from Open Arts Project

As discussed at the last JAG meeting, the organisers of Urban Art propose increasing the exhibitors' fees by £10 per pitch to pay for professional hedge trimming (pavement sides only) twice a year. This would be an agreement between Open Arts Project and the individual owners of the railings. The meeting agreed to this. Urban Art will seek permission from individual households at the beginning of 2015.

## 7. Revised Constitution

As put forward for consideration at the last meeting and on the website for the last 3 months, and based on a previous long-standing draft. This was approved unanimously. The key changes are:

- 'JAG' to include the Brixton Hill Rush Common area
- A minimum of 4 meetings pa

## 8. Election of Committee members

There being no other candidates and the present officers prepared to stand again, the Chair - Timothy Sutton, Secretary - Marion Woodward and Treasurer - Hillary Box were re elected for the next year. Frances

Forrest also volunteered for the post of events officer (and was thanked for her tireless work organising JAG Urban Art volunteers) and Nick Berry also volunteered to head the Street Party sub committee, to be formed next year.

#### 9. Other Matters

Cheryl Brewster from Leander Road Neighbourhood Watch reported problems (muggings) in the area, especially Friday and Saturday nights, (girl) gangs checking cars etc . JAG will canvass for volunteers for a Neighbourhood Watch initiative. Her report underlined the importance of regular hedge cutting. The committee will also liaise with Brixton Hill, Leander Road & Helix Road to request more resources around neighbourhood crime, which is deemed low by the authorities.

#### 10. Key Action Points

- Hillary to draft & distribute minutes

- Tim to send letter to Councillors re CPZ review

- Tim to organise a meeting with Leander Road residents re crime

#### 11. Date & venue of next meeting

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015 (venue to be confirmed).