

HAM UNITED GROUP CIC -YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP-CARE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE

INCORPORATING PETERSHAM



AGM
Thursday 28th November, 2013
at 8pm in the Community Room, Ham Library

Present

Mark Brand (chair), Andrew Beedham, Danielle Coleman, Cornelia Costeanu, Andy Dawson, Justine Glynn, John Hatto, Carole Hegedus, Katherine Henry, Jill Lamb, Jean Loveland, Mary Pitteway, Briony Rowland, Chris Ruse, Chas Warlow, David Williams, Richard Woolf, Penny Frost (secretary)

Apologies

Sue Jones, David Lawton, Jose Medina, Brian Miller, Andres Muniz-Piniella, Matthew and Julia Rees

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Approval of minutes of AGM 28.11.12 and matters arising

Minutes of the AGM were approved as a correct record, with no matters arising.

2. Chair's report

Mark pointed out that the Chair's report will follow

3. Treasurer's Report

Jean presented the accounts and pointed out that HUG income for the last financial year was £1434.50 and outgoings £1469.95. Major funds received were Civic Pride £985 for the apple press and HAG £250 for general support. This financial year saw the end of the LCZ project and the start of 2 of 3 RHP projects for Rednap House and Neale Court. 10% of all money received goes to HUG admin to offset costs of insurance, Ham Fair etc.

Members expressed the view that there should not be a membership fee for joining HUG.

It was agreed that the cost of hiring the Library for meetings should be met from HUG funds.

A question of clarification regarding the Ham Hydro debt was referred to the next meeting and it was agreed to 'de-itemise' the debtors on page 3. With this amendment, the accounts were received, with thanks to Jean and Jose for their work on them, and to Mark for his work in setting them out in a format to be submitted to Companies House.

Two questions to be considered for the next meeting:

- Ham Hydro debt
- Should HUG continue to bank with the Cooperative Bank

It was noted that Jean was standing down as Treasurer, and the membership expressed their thanks for her work.

4. CIC report

The CIC report was adopted and it was noted that next year's CIC report should include a note of the computer workshop run by Andres.

5. Membership drive and communications

It was noted that the membership has not increased significantly despite much leafleting at Ham Fair. Andres has been active on twitter and a number of people have 'liked' the HUG website.

The following suggestions were considered to increase membership:

- Use Neighbourhood Forum as a key recruiting ground
- Green Screenings will have great potential for recruiting from a wider community
- Encourage the Library to give HUG dedicated space for advertising its work
- Mark to discuss with Andres the possibility of him taking on the role of Membership secretary, to give this work a higher profile

6. Pattern of future meetings

The membership agreed to continue with one meeting per month and the following suggestions were made:

- that the winter months are for business, and the meetings held in the lighter evenings should have a more social flavour
- 2 or 3 meetings per year scheduled for topics - poll the views of the wider membership on topics that would interest them
- hold occasional non-topic meetings just to share ideas and reflections
- encourage the wider membership to come along to the topic evenings and emphasise that being a participant is as important as being a project leader

7. Fund-raising

Some meetings will need to be funded, at least to cover the booking fees for the Library. Jean and Mark will bring to the next meeting a table of items coming up which will need funding, and when the money will be needed – suggestion to Mark please. Jean feels that it should be possible to get some community funding to cover small expenditure eg room hire.

8. Election of officers

A vote of thanks was recorded for Peter Rixon as he steps down as Director, for all his work and commitment to HUG since its inception.

Mary Pitteway and Jean Loveland stepped down by rotation, but agreed to stand again as Directors.

Jose Medina had indicated that he would stand as Treasurer – his offer was gratefully acknowledged, with the proviso that he must also stand as Director, and he will be asked to complete the necessary paperwork before the next meeting.

Chris Ruse agreed to stand as a Director without office, as the FoHL link.

The following Directors were elected and confirmed:

Mark Brand (Chair)
 Andrew Beedham (Vice Chair)
 Jose Medina (Treasurer) – subject to paperwork
 Penny Frost (secretary)
 Mary Pitteway (Director without Office; Project Originator - Community Allotments)
 Jean Loveland (Director without Office:)
 Chas Warlow (Director without Office: Leading Ham Hydro)
 Justine Glynn (Director without Office: Street Champions)
 Jill Lamb (Director without Office: Events)
 David Williams (Director without Office:)
 Chris Ruse (Director without Office: FoHL link)

There remains one vacancy.

9. AOB

- Cycling petition – request for places to park 2 or 3 cycles on Ashburnham Road by the mosaic at the end of the arcade of shops, to keep the cycles off the pavement and encourage the use of the shops. Members signed the petition, which will be given to David Williams to present to the next Council meeting
- Andy Dawson requested deliverers for 4 roads for the H&P Magazine
- Carols Sat 7th December 3-4pm at Ham Library – helpers needed from 2.30pm

Next meeting - please put the following date in your diary:

Thursday 16th January, 8pm - Community Room, Ham Library (to be confirmed)

Agenda items will include:

- Accounts – clarification of HH debt, decision re continued use of Cooperative Bank
- Potential sources of funding and list of projects which will need funding in 2014
- Increasing our membership base
- Meetings pattern in 2014 and possible topics

Where possible, items of AOB should be with Penny at least 7 days in advance of each meeting date.

Please note the following dates in 2014 for Green Screen:

29th Jan, 26th Feb, 26th March, 30th April