

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

INCORPORATING PETERSHAM



Meeting notes

Tuesday 5th March, 2013

at 7.30pm at the Children's Centre

Present

Mark Brand (Chair), Alex Beckett, Andrew Beedham, Julian Bradley, Yolanda Bryant, John Hatto, Carole Hegedus, Jill Lamb, Jean Loveland, Cllr Sue Jones, Carl Myhill, Peter Rixon, Briony Rowland, Chas Warlow, Penny Frost (secretary)

Apologies

Geoff Hyde, Justine Glynn, Cllr Brian Miller, Andres Muniz-Piniella, Sarah Perrett, Chris Ruse, Cllr David Williams

1. Introductory remarks

Mark Brand welcomed everyone to the meeting, and gave the following key points:

- Street Champions and Low Carbon Zone continue to move forward
- The interim report from the Leisure Consultants for the proposed pool at Grey Court is very positive
- Neighbourhood Forum application is going ahead
- Possible changes to the Community Infrastructure Levy may release funds to support community projects

2. Approval of minutes 24 January 2013 and matters arising

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Matters arising:

- (From item 2 Matters arising from minutes of 24.1.13): Jean Loveland is continuing to work with Jose to update the accounts to show where monies have been obtained to fund specific projects, and will report back to next meeting

3. Presentation on Ham Hydro

Ham Hydro started as a HUG project, reflecting the upswell of interest in what local communities can do to play their part in saving energy. The presentation by Chas Warlow covered the whole

development of HH, the research they have undertaken and the ways in which finance and other support must be engaged to secure its completion. The Hydro will be positioned against the Teddington bank, with 3 Archimedes Screws replacing part of the weir. The screws will generate enough energy for 600 homes. The project goes to Planning on either 4. or 25.4.13. Chas will circulate a 'Supporters' brief' and share issue information as soon as the project moves successfully through Planning. Provided funds can be raised, the screws will be commissioned in June 2014.

Main areas of dispute over HH are from the anglers who are concerned for the safety of fish, and local residents/ Lensbury Club over possible noise. Chas showed a clip of research undertaken to ensure that fish can pass safely through the system of Archimedes Screws. The noise of the water passing through the screws is likely to be more significant than the noise of the generator. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Planning meeting to show their support for this project.

4. Other business

- Andres requests feedback on the new website
- HUG agreed that Alex Beckett should give an expression of interest to run a HUG float in the Lord Mayor's Show. Possible themes of 'the elements' or bio-diversity – to be discussed at a later meeting
- Anne Powell, Chair of H&P Association will support further planting projects
- Planting proposals invited by SWLEN for a rejuvenation of the lane behind Ham Parade
- Ham House has requested HUG to participate in a 'Sow and Grow' on 19th May – Jean will check if this clashes with the H&P Open Gardens
- Last call for material for the next issue of H&P Magazine to be with Peter Rixon by 10th March

5. Date of next meeting and future topics

A programme of topics for discussion evenings will be circulated to members shortly.

Suggestions so far include:

- Neighbourhood Forum
- Energy conference
- High profile speaker such as David Attenborough
- Speaker on history of aviation/Hawkers in Kingston
- NPL
- Climate change
- Movie nights

Please put the following date in your diary: **Thursday 25th April 7.30pm Children's Centre**

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