

Notes of SCG meeting, May 2nd 2012, 19.00pm at The English Restaurant

Guest Speaker: Clive Shipman, who leads the Pollution Team at T.H. Environment Dept. His main points were:

Environmental Health is split into three sections:

Pollution - remit covers a very wide spectrum, including air quality and noise  
Housing - includes housing and multiple occupancy  
Public Health - water supply/quality, contaminated land issues, and the mortuary

a recent re-organisation may explain a delay in response to some complaints because of financial cutbacks, the out-of-hours noise service being reduced to Thursday-Sunday, 20.00pm to 3.30am, (one team of two people on duty Thursday /Sundays, and two teams of two people on Fridays and Saturdays) 120 complaints received a week so have to prioritize. Serve many noise abatement notices at weekends, and do prosecute when necessary.

A discussion followed, with several members bringing up specific local problems, including the lack of public toilets in Brick Lane, level of noise from amplified live music in the market, odour/noise nuisance from restaurants.

Mr. Shipman said in conclusion:

he will chase up emails that members reported unanswered. Contact him at [clive.shipman@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:clive.shipman@towerhamlets.gov.uk)  
he encouraged members to report nuisances, and stressed the importance of including as much details as possible, and also giving accurate contact details  
he, or one of his colleagues, would be happy to attend future SCG members' meetings

Environment Update

Preem and Prithi restaurant in Brick Lane still touting despite being the subject of a closure notice, and is also planning to apply for a licence to extend its hours of operation to 2.30 am. Premises can be closed for six months if they re-offend while under a closure order, so residents should continue to report any evidence of touting by any restaurants

212 Brick Lane (bar) is applying for permission to open until 2 am. An email objecting on behalf of SCG will be sent- individuals may also object

Wieden and Kennedy (Hanbury St.) are considering having a food stall on the pavement outside their premises on Sunday; they do not have a licence. SCG will express opposition.

Contact for members to email to request signs reinforcing the drinking control zone is Peter Alnutt, [peter.allnutt@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:peter.allnutt@towerhamlets.gov.uk).

SCG is alerting the Spitalfields Trust to ensure that the proposed signage for the new hotel on Brick Lane  
by Fournier Street is appropriate.

For information:

There is to be a Council hearing re the application for a roof terrace at No. 4 Wilkes St. on May 10th, 7pm, which members can attend if they wish SCG does not hold a position on Planning Applications in general - any that are brought to the committee's attention are considered on an individual basis.

A new area Borough Commander and Chief Inspector have been appointed - details will be put on the SCG website

## Community

Saturday 23rd June is the date of the Spitalfields Midsummer Street Party. SCG is taking ten stalls and asking members to donate Bric-A-Brac and Collectables. Money raised will go to a local charity. Please email SCG to let us know if you have items to contribute which will need to be collected/delivered mid-June. We have 15 volunteers but need more - just for an hour or two - to assist with the Lucky Dips, stalls, etc.

13th May - Coffee at 11

The next members' coffee hour is on Sunday 13th May, upstairs in the English Restaurant. Come and join us if you are at a loose end.

Wednesday mornings - Young Spitz at Spitalfields Farm

Members with pre-school children are welcome to bring them along to an informal outdoor play session at the Farm. Meet underneath the tree-house at 10am (weather permitting). For more details contact Lottie Childs (lottie@malinky.org).

More details of all these and other events including the Food Bank, fund-raising dinner for FutureVersity at the Savoy, Play& Stay at Christ Church Primary School and the Spitalfields Crypt Trust Community Day go to the SCG website: [www.spitalfieldscommunity.org](http://www.spitalfieldscommunity.org).

Members' Discount Scheme- Broadgate Club

The Broadgate Club, in Exchange Square, is offering a reduced membership for SCG members - The Club, one of the finest gyms with a spectacular pool in the City., is offering members a joining fee of £40 and a monthly fee of £105. This includes access to all 121 Virgin Active Clubs and represents a significant saving on standard membership. Use your SCG membership card to obtain the discount.

Charles Worthington Hair and Beauty Salon

Within the Broadgate Club you will find a Charles Worthington hair and beauty salon. SCG members are invited to email [cityappointments@charlesworthingtonsalons.com](mailto:cityappointments@charlesworthingtonsalons.com) to book and receive 20 per cent off your total bill. This is a one-off offer and the closing date is 20th May. It gets better.....if you send your name, address and email to [members@charlesworthingtonsalons.com](mailto:members@charlesworthingtonsalons.com) with the word SPITALFIELDS in the subject header you can join their Members' Club - absolutely free - and benefit from 10 per cent off cutting until November 2012.

BrickHouse Supper Club 152c Brick Lane (Truman's Brewery)

Visit the only live dinner cabaret show in the area - burlesque, comedy, musical performances and circus cabaret. SCG members can get a generous 50 per cent off food from Monday to Thursday with the Cabaret costing an extra £10; or just pay £10 to drop in for the show and buy a drink.

Remember to show your membership cards.

#### Public Affairs

The Hustings (a joint event with the Spitalfields Trust) prior to the recent local election had been a success, with 80 people attending and some very lively questions being asked.

Filming - Peter Boisseau reported that the next major shoot will be next week in Princelet Street, over five days, but it was all interior, so shouldn't be disruptive. He is still in discussions with TH and the Spitalfields Society as to how the film payments can be more fairly distributed.

#### SCG Membership

SCG membership continues to grow with 142 paid-up members.

Anyone interested in helping with the website should contact Charlie or Kathy

#### Next meeting:

AGM on Wednesday 4th July at 7pm at member, Peter Dunne's invitation:  
The Water Poet in Folgate Street.