

# **Spitalfields Community Group**

## **Minutes of AGM, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

### **The English Restaurant, Brushfield Street**

The meeting began at 7.10pm.

Matt Piper opened the meeting by welcoming the members and by delivering a report on the activities of SCG over the past year. Key points:

- 9 charities received donations from SCG.
- £800 currently in the SCG charity fund, to be distributed over the coming year.
- SCG is working with other resident groups to foster a community spirit across the whole ward.
- SPIRE formed in October 2012 as an umbrella organisation with SCG representation to tackle anti-social behaviour in Spitalfields.
- Positive signs of improvement include the expected introduction of a Saturation Policy, a review of LBTH's licencing policy, implementation of a Dispersal Zone, regular meetings between residents and owners of Truman's Brewery.
- SCG was involved in objecting to many new licence applications and remains focused on the priorities set by the 2012 Quality of Life survey of members.
- SCG has been and remains an interested party in all of the large-scale redevelopments in Spitalfields, currently including Shoreditch Estate and Bishops Goodsyrd.
- Peter Boisseau wants to hear of any filming in the area – he is monitoring the effect of this on residents' lives. Contact can be made via the SCG website.
- Filming donations make a very significant contribution to SCG's income.
- Membership stands at approximately 200, made up of roughly 175 individual and 25 corporate members.

Matt concluded by thanking the SCG committee and departing committee member John Nicolson in particular for all their hard work over the previous year.

Matt then read through the accounts for the year. The surplus of film money and membership income over expenditure has left the group in a healthy financial position. £1000 from the reserves has recently been committed to SPIRE's legal fund.

As Returning Officer, Jon Shapiro then conducted the election of a new committee member to replace John Nicholson who was standing down. Four nominations had been received: David Donoghue, Chris Dyson, James Frankcom and Jennifer Weller. The candidates were given the chance to speak in support of their nomination and then the votes of the members present were collected. Jennifer won a well-contested election.

The draft SCG constitution was ratified by the members by an uncontested show of hands.

Notices were read out by a members and James Frankcom urged members to respond to the Shoreditch Estate redevelopment.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.