

SCG Committee Meeting, Monday 25th March 2013

Present: Peter Boisseau, Charles Gledhill, Tarik Khan, Selina Mifsud, Brian Noone, Matt Piper, Peter Sinden,

1. **SPIRE/ASB/Licensing.** Selina gave the committee an update on recent developments with SPIRE. These include:

- Several recent meetings with the police and LBTH that have helped to raise the profile of the problems suffered by local residents due to the night-time economy.
- The group raised over 230 signatures on a petition to support the introduction of a Saturation Policy. The public consultation period for that policy is now over.
- The police are introducing a Dispersal Zone which will give them greater powers to prevent street drinking over the summer.
- LBTH is set to announce a review of its licensing policy and will be starting a public consultation on that.
- SPIRE now has a website which allows residents to report any incidents of ASB online.
- The group has continued its policy of objecting to new licence applications - there have been several in the last couple of months.
- Trumans Brewery has agreed to regular meetings with residents to discuss any problems resulting from activities within their site.

2. **LFWE update.** Charles reported that the sub-group is still waiting for the publication of Boris Johnson's full planning decision. This was expected at the end of February but is yet to happen.

3. **Bangla City site planning application.** Following concerns raised by a member the committee discussed recently revised plans for a 189-room hotel on Brick Lane. The committee was concerned about the design quality of the revised plans, access to the hotel (there appears to be no provision for taxis/cars in front of the hotel) and the influx of more people to a very busy nightspot. The committee decided to object to the application and will be writing to LBTH soon.

4. **Filming.** Peter reported that March had been a quiet month for filming in the area.

5. **Community programme update.** Brian reported on plans he and Jennifer Weller have been making for social/fundraising events later in the year. Possibilities include:

- a repeat of last year's Summer Festival in conjunctions with Spitalfields Music
- a charity auction in November/December
- a talk on local history and listed buildings in the area

6. **Website.** Matt read out a request from Kathy Boyle for more content for the website. Brian suggested a monthly newsletter of local events that could form part of the homepage of the website and be emailed to members.