

Minutes of SCG Committee Meeting

Wednesday 4th September 2013, The English Restaurant

Present: Peter Boisseau, David Gadd, Charles Gledhill, Paul Johnston, Selina Mifsud, Matt Piper, Jon Shapiro, Peter Sinden, Jennifer Weller

1. Election of officers for 2013/4. The incumbents were re-elected as officers of the committee.

2. Pedestrianisation of Brick Lane. Jon Shapiro gave an update of SPIRE's involvement in this trial scheme. SPIRE objected on the grounds that it would lead to an increase in ASB. The two trial Saturdays seemed to confirm this. Future plans appear to be on hold and in any case would require a full public consultation.

3. Licensing update

- Public Life. The licence applicant withdrew from the process shortly before the hearing of the licensing sub-committee. The property is currently on the books of a local commercial estate agent. Future licence applications will likely be subject to the Saturation Policy which is due to come into force in November 2013. SPIRE has now obtained the lease for 82a Commercial Street which contains a clause prohibiting noise. Frank to write to LBTH asking them to ensure this is enforced and to convey this message to the owner.
- Crispin Place. Selina and Jon to raise the issue at the next Spitalfields Market meeting.

4. Planning update

- Neighbourhood Forum. The committee agreed that SCG should be involved in any such organisation. Jennifer offered to become SCG's representative. Matt to put Jennifer in touch with James Frankcom.
- Bishops Goodsyard. Paul has attended recent public meetings with the developers. They have unveiled plans which include several tall towers, both residential and commercial. Paul to invite the developers to attend an SCG committee meeting to present their plans.
- Shoreditch Estate. No update over the summer.

5. Filming update. Peter reported on recent filming activity in the area including a couple of shoots that caused problems for local residents. A night-shoot on Brushfield Street considerably overran; a photo-shoot on Wilkes Street led to several roads being blocked and residents being harassed. Peter also reported on donations to SCG from filming activity.

6. Membership renewals. The committee agreed that SCG should reinstate the annual £2-£10 subscription fee after one year's grace. Matt/Jennifer to coordinate an email. Kathy/Matt to discuss setting up a method of paying by PayPal via the SCG website. David to investigate payment via Direct Debit or Standing Order.

7. Plans for public meetings

- Pub quiz. Provisionally 6th November. Matt to coordinate with Water Poet / Stephen Armstrong.

- Christmas Social / Charity Auction. Provisionally 8th December. Peter Sinden to confirm date. Jennifer to send committee details of possible auction lots. Jennifer to coordinate flyer. Matt to send Jennifer list of charities supported by SCG.

8. AOB

- Huguenots of Spitalfields. Matt reminded the committee of Charlie de Wet's request for help with her newly-founded charity.
- Annual Survey. Matt, Selina and David to meet to plan the survey. To include an online option.
- Revisions to Constitution. Jon to draft an amendment to the Conflict of Interest clause for approval by the committee.