

SCG Committee Meeting – Wednesday 4th March 2015
6pm, The English Restaurant, Brushfield St, E1

Minutes

Present: Charles Gledhill, Paul Johnston, Selina Mifsud, Matt Piper, Jon Shapiro

1. Old Spitalfields Market. Several residents have expressed concern about a sudden spate of new licence applications for premises on Brushfield Street. The committee had asked Andrew Turf of OSM along to address these concerns. Andrew was very open about his plans for the market. He repeated an earlier statement that the percentage of floor-space given over to A3/A4 use should remain constant at approximately 30%. The new applications along Brushfield Street are all that he expects on the north side of the market. Matt/Selina to email the members concerned with feedback on this meeting.

2. Planning

- Blossom St – an email to members was sent out the previous evening explaining SCG's decision to object to the development and inviting comments. None have been received so far. Matt to forward information on a Spitalfields Trust fundraising event to the membership.
- Toynbee Hall – Paul will represent SCG at a meeting on 9th March in which redevelopment plans will be presented for the first time.
- Plane trees on Brushfield Street – Exemplar have applied to remove the 6 trees outside the Fruit and Wool Exchange building. The committee decided to object to this application. Matt to draft a letter of objection and to email membership informing them of the application.

3. Licensing

- Ten Bells – there have been productive discussions with the new management team at the Ten Bells regarding some recent issues concerning the fire alarm.

4. Filming. Peter had circulated a draft document that lists guidelines for crews undertaking filming in the Fournier Street Conservation Area. Committee members agreed to give feedback on this document.

5. Plans for a public meetings. Matt to investigate the possibility of a historic walking tour in support of Huguenots of Spitalfields. Charles to investigate the possibility of hosting a hustings in Spitalfields for the candidates for the parliamentary constituency. Charles to also look into the idea of an evening of talks on the history of Spitalfields.