

**SCG Committee Meeting – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015**  
**6pm, The English Restaurant, Brushfield St, E1**

**Minutes**

Present: Peter Boisseau, David Gadd, Charles Gledhill, Julie Ji, Paul Johnston, Matt Piper, Jon Shapiro, Peter Sinden

1. Policy on planning issues. There was a lengthy discussion on the group's approach to planning matters. Various views were expressed as to the criteria which the committee should apply when deciding whether or not to be involved in a particular planning issue. It was decided that greater communication with members would assist this discussion. The question will be raised with members in the next Quality of Life Survey. In the meantime the committee agreed that there were three categories of planning application: major ones with which the group should clearly be involved, minor ones which the group should avoid, and marginal situations which should be decided on a case-by-case basis.

2. Future SCG events. Matt to arrange the pub quiz for November. Matt to talk with Charlie regarding a walking tour for residents of Spitalfields. The Christmas Party format will stay unchanged. A further discussion will take place on more members events for 2016.

3. Website and communications. There was unanimity that the group needs to improve its communications with website. A search for someone to write and maintain a website for the group had taken place over the summer and had proved fruitless. Matt offered to take on this role for the sum that had been offered to these third parties - £500 to design the website and £50 to maintain it. He will also take on the group's communications and revamp its social media presence. This was agreed by the committee. There was also a discussion on the number of emails that should be sent to members. It was agreed that the profile of the group would be raised by more regular contact with the membership.

4. Planning. The group objected to the planning application at 66-68 Bell Lane over the summer. In total there were 50 letters of objection. The applicant, Tracey Emin, has not replied to an email explaining the group's position and offering a chance to meet to discuss the committee's concerns.

5. Filming. Peter reported on several film shoots planned for September including a feature film on Brushfield Street and Fournier, Wilkes and Princelet streets. There have been discussions with the Film Office about the idea of film crews offering work experience to local residents as part of their recompense to the community.

6. Licensing etc. There has been a recent increase of drug-dealing on Fournier Street.

7. AOB. The Spitalfields Society has offered tickets to a concert at Christ Church Spitalfields on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Paul, Peter B and Jon were interested in attending. Matt to arrange with Nicholas Morse. The date for the next meeting was set for 14<sup>th</sup> October.