

SCG Committee Meeting – Sunday 11th December 2016

6pm, The English Restaurant, Brushfield St, E1

Minutes

Present: Jonathan Boyle, Susan Kay, Selina Mifsud, Matt Piper, Jon Shapiro,
Peter Sinden

1. Planning.

- 2-10 Cobb St. SCG has been asked to comment on plans to demolish the buildings on the south side of Cobb St. The committee was minded to object but no formal decision was taken. Matt to forward the plans to the committee for further discussion via email.
- 42-46 Princelet St. SCG had been asked by a resident to comment on plans to add two storeys to this property. While the committee had some sympathy with the arguments against the proposals it was felt that the scope of the development was too small to satisfy the qualifying conditions in our constitution, namely that SCG only comments on developments that will have a significant potential effect on the whole of Spitalfields.
- Blossom St. Spitalfields Trust are considering their options after losing their appeal against the planning decision.
- 66-68 Bell Lane. The applicant has cancelled their appeal and there are now no current plans to demolish this property. The committee thanked Paul Johnstone for all his hard work leading this campaign.

2. Licensing.

- 79 Brick Lane. The group resolved to object to the licence application on the grounds of excessive hours (2am daily). Selina to draft a letter for Matt to circulate to members.
- 106 Commercial St. A licence application has been submitted for the Time Out Market site. Concerns were raised about take-away food, the sheer numbers of drinkers, and the question of whether or not alcohol would be available without food. While changes have been made to the proposed operating schedule there was a feeling that the licence application, as it stands, would inevitably add to problems in the CIZ. Matt to draft an objection letter.

3. Plans for 2017

- Matt to speak to Charlie re a repeat of last year's successful walking tour.
- Matt to speak to Spitalfields Music about a possible tie-up with their Summer Festival.

- The group to speak to Toby Brown about a possible community event involving the market.

5. Membership

- Matt to send out a request for subscriptions in the New Year.
- The committee identified a possible new committee member to fill a vacant slot. Matt to discuss with the member.
- The existing bank account does not give easy access to statements for all of those who need them. The committee resolved to open a new account at NatWest with 4 signatories: Matt Piper, Selina Mifsud, Peter Boisseau and Jon Shapiro.

6. Charitable giving

- Matt to circulate an email to members asking for suggested charities to be beneficiaries of the SCG Charity Fund.

7. The committee does not meet in January. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 1st February.