



**Norwood Forum Committee**  
**Monday 9 September 2024 at 6:30pm on Zoom**

**Present:** Jane East (Interim Chair), Kim Hart (Secretary), Noshir Patel (Treasurer), Anne Crane, Odilon Couzin, Andrew John, Viv Kind, Bryn Lockwood, Gloria Orosungunleka, Sue Osborn, Tom Palmer, Jane Pickard, Tim Stephens, Philip Virgo

**Also present:** Sophie Mason (Administrator)

Note: Actions are listed at the end of this document

## **1. Introductions and Welcome**

Jane welcomed committee members and introduced the Forum's newest member Andrew John.

It was noted that Philip had circulated papers relating to the Community Partnership Scheme ahead of the committee meeting which was for information only.

## **2. Minutes and matters arising**

Key points:

- Minutes and actions from the last Committee meeting of 12 August were reviewed with a correction noted regarding the planning committee.
- The formation of a housing sub-committee was discussed with agreement to include Odilon in planning applications that have a housing element and bringing other housing issues to full committee meetings for discussion. Therefore, no sub-committee will be established.

Key actions outstanding from May meeting:

- add Odilon to the planning sub-committee with the subcommittee agreeing to organise roles amongst themselves;
- Tom to reach out to Herne Hill Forum about potential joint activities or information sharing (Kim to introduce Tom to the new HHF Chair);
- agreed to omit organising a local meeting with other volunteer organisations to discuss how to grow our diversity and instead for Kim/Jane to review new diversity targets for LFN funding as part of writing the new bid for LFN funding for 24/25.

Discussion on Declarations of Interests and what might be personal or professional interests that could conflict with the work of the Forum. This led to some members declaring their interests. Agreed to keep a running list of declared interests so no need to declare at each meeting.

## **3. Public transport/active travel update**

Kim provided an update on the public transport and active travel initiatives including the summary of feedback from the AGM. Two decisions were detailed in her report and agreed by the committee:

1. the creation of a small working group from the committee to refine the data further and create an action plan with Tom and Bryn forming part of the group.
2. the request for a discussion with Cllr Rezina Chowdhury and her team, with the committee agreeing the evidence should be presented to the council to enable the Forum to move on with the campaign.

The committee agreed the need to sort through the feedback and prioritise quick wins, top priorities and long-term campaigns, and flagged the importance of community engagement and keeping the community updated on progress.

Tom and Bryn volunteered to join a working group along with Kim.

#### **4. West Dulwich LTN/CPZ/Healthy Route**

Discussion on the ongoing consultation for the West Dulwich LTN/CPZ/Healthy Route with Sue providing feedback from the Norwood Action Group (NAG). Key points from the discussion:

- NAG emphasised the need for a positive approach and highlighted the evaluation challenges due to numerous schemes.
- NAG representatives suggested to Lambeth Council that it adopt the approach taken by Haringey Council which allows carers and relatives to visit freely, and where the council met with every business to discuss the impact of its scheme
- concerns were raised about the safety of women at night, suggesting exemptions for taxis and Ubers.
- concerns raised about LTNs impeding the respectful management of funerals at Chatsworth Way Church.
- the importance of community partnerships and involving the local community in planning was reiterated.
- Tom acknowledged the personal feelings of safety for women but noted that the data does not support increased crime in LTN areas.
- it was acknowledged that a flexible approach to CPZ timing could avoid negative impacts on the community.

#### **5. Heritage**

Tim provided an update on the Heritage Lottery Fund project for West Norwood Cemetery, detailing two decisions to be made which were agreed by the committee:

1. the opportunity for a second member of the Forum to join West Norwood Cemetery Strategic Partnership Board.
2. the need to attend the West Norwood Cemetery National Lottery Heritage Fund Project community update meeting on Thursday 11 September.

Sue volunteered for both. Tim agreed to brief Sue ahead of these activities.

#### **6. Norwood Forum Small Grants Scheme**

Discussion on the success of the last small grant scheme and the need for a new team to manage the next round of grants.

Odilon and Gloria volunteered to manage the small grants scheme with Sophie supporting and Kim agreed to arrange a briefing and handover meeting.

#### **7. AOB and close**

Discussion on issues with the new school street setup on Rosendale Road, highlighting problems with signage and driver confusion. The implementation of the scheme has been rated poorly, with concerns raised about increased risks to pedestrians and cyclists. Tom agreed to engage with Lambeth Council on issues with signage.

Jane closed the meeting asking for members to think about good examples of a code of conduct and to bring to the next committee meeting.

|     | <b>Actions</b>                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Who</b>                        | <b>Progress</b>           | <b>Date</b> |
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| 1.  | Add Odilon to the planning sub-committee and sub-committee agree and organise roles amongst themselves                                                           | Sophie/<br>planning sub-committee | DONE                      | Sept        |
| 2.  | Kim to introduce Tom to the new HHF Chair and Tom to lead on potential joint activities                                                                          | Kim/Tom                           | DONE                      | Sept        |
| 3.  | Kim/Jane to review new diversity targets for LFN funding as part of writing the new bid for LFN funding for 24/25                                                | Kim/Jane                          |                           | Sept        |
| 4.  | Tim to note committee comments regarding Dol and reflect these in the Dol policy he is currently drafting (including Code of Conduct)                            | Tim/Jane                          | In hand<br>Report for Oct | Aug         |
| 5.  | Add Governance to the October agenda                                                                                                                             | Sophie                            | Done                      | Sept        |
| 6.  | Create new transport working group with Tom and Bryn as members, with Tom stepping down from planning sub-committee                                              | Kim/Sophie                        | Done                      | Sept        |
| 7.  | Report back to the Forum on the consult meeting with Lambeth on West Dulwich LTNs/CPZ/Healthy Routes                                                             | Kim/Tom/Bryn                      | In progress               | Sept        |
| 8.  | Sue to volunteer for West Norwood Cemetery Strategic Partnership Board and attend the community update meeting community update meeting. Tim to provide briefing | Sue/Tim                           | DONE                      | Sept        |
| 9.  | Kim to arrange briefing and handover meeting with Odilon and Gloria on the Small Grants Scheme                                                                   | Kim                               | DONE                      | Sept        |
| 10. | Tom to provide feedback to Lambeth Council on issues with signage and implementation of school street                                                            | Tom                               | DONE                      | Sept        |
| 11. | Review list of organisations that we keep regular contact with, have a seat on a committee, or attend meetings of and share separately                           | Kim/Jane/<br>Sophie               | In progress               | Aug         |
| 12. | Set up virtual meeting to take new Committee members (and older ones too if they wished) through the website and our social media platforms                      | Kim/Sophie                        | In hand                   | Aug         |
| 13  | Look at the CSP documentation relating to early years                                                                                                            | Viv                               |                           | TBC         |