

Soho Neighbourhood Forum

Steering Group Board Meeting

May 18th 2022

Attendees	Company	Title
Forum Steering Group Member		
Lucy Haine (LH)	Resident	Chair
Farida Dungarwalla (FD)	Resident	Treasurer
Tim Lord (TL)	Resident	Chair Cllr Sub-Group
Jason Fisher-Jones (JFJ)	Resident	
Matthew Bennet (MB)	Resident	
Peter Crouch (PC)	Resident	
Neil Drinkwater (ND)	Resident	
Joan Moynihan (JM)	CEO Nimax Theatres	
Matt Smith ((MS)	Sustainability, Shaftesbury PLC	
Jace Tyrrell (JT)	CEO NWECC	
Ben Dossett (BD)	Soho Estates	
Co-Opted Members		
Blythe Dunk (BDunk)	Director of Planning, JLL	
Susie Stirling (SS)	House of St. Barnabas	

Meeting Notes
<p>Thoughts on fundraising as expenses taking funds too low</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MB – Small amounts from forum members via website/internet appeal. Use ward budget if necessary. FD to investigate. • JJ – What is the money for? LH: stationery, website, target £3.5k. • LH & JT seeing new ward Cllrs next week on Plan for breakfast. Separate meeting for CIL. • JL – MB to educate Cllrs on Soho Plan/to attend. • LH – Any others welcome. • JT – will be discussing Vision for Soho vs Plan. • JL – Waste is now on Cllr. Hug’s desk. MB & LH to meet in due course. Circulated to ward Cllrs & Cllr Dimoldenberg • JL – Air quality monitoring can now be set. Pilots: Marshall Street, Broadwick Street, later also the school. Want 19 lampposts with fibre. Conway & WCC not responded. JT to send email to JM with alternative officer name. • TL – Parish gate architect says it may be easier to repair, considering. In play...

<p>Toilets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LH – the Orbital proposal is comprehensive £38k, bigger job than refuse study. • MB – Is in Labour manifesto. Suggests taking it to Cllr Hug or Dimoldenberg. • JT – Talk to Soho Society about it to get Cllrs to take notice. • TL – Is the decision to park the fee proposal and to try to get WCC to pick it up? Was agreed. • There was a discussion about where the problems are, who does the deed etc.
<p>Community use and open spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ND – Met Tom Johnson of Diageo who are very keen to get involved locally; met ward cllrs re: community space. • PP – met Adam Scott SS’s colleague at House of St. Barnabas regarding a children’s playground in Soho Square – established that the problem might be London Squares Act. • LH – greening – the designer was talking to Head of Parks re Golden Square. Need design to be costed. Not there yet.
<p>CIL spending and governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placemaking London – Dan T and Catherine Jenkins created spreadsheet of Go/No Go type scoring system to make consistent discussions. • JT – regarding localised CIL funding, thinks WCC will move to Camden definition & be more flexible on what can fund. • LH – Please circulate the draft. Comments to LH; needs some members to help edit and test for final roll-out. • Discussion on how the schedule treats tendering rather than tendered projects. • LH – Have done work on waste, on governance. Should we share with other forums? • JM – Wait until we have met new WCC Cllrs. • Catherine – have graphic flow diagram for website to show how a project may be selected. • JM – Must put governance on website. • LH – Not sending MB’s note around forum. • JT is leaving. He will introduce his colleague Dee Coursey at next meeting. The steering group needs a vice chair from businesses. Nomination by end of May. • LH & TL want NVEC to remain on the group. • MB – BD, MB, business community need to input issues that are on the horizon, for all to understand. This should somehow be captured on the quarterly agenda. • MS – Drive to net zero, want to see how new admin at WCC picks up. City charters and what does this mean? • TL – How does net zero play out in your existing estate? • MS – Legislation on EPCs coming forwards: looking at retrofit as necessary in cases to even lease a building under this. Happily Shaftesbury tend to keep existing buildings’ embodied carbon. • TL – What about footfall, trends, new land uses coming forwards? • MB – Will take question away. • Catherine Jenkins – WCC is resourcing up its carbon officers. • JT – WCC was looking at waiving rates for community uses. • PP – Why is Berwick Street development empty? • MS – it will be good quality, but is not personally privy to the letting strategy. • House of St. Barnabas to look at whether they can host next meeting and goodbye drinks for JT.

- LH – AGM date to be set.