

Public Meeting - Minutes

22nd November 2017

Chair: Monique Tomlinson

Minutes: Louise Fletcher

1. Thank you to Philip Binns (Ian Blore)

Ian Blore said a few words, thanking Philip for his patience & expertise in helping guide planning applications more in our favour. Philip has given advice across many groups and societies, but mainly through Greenwich Society Conservation group. One of the largest items was the great battle for Lovell's Wharf & Enderby when the developers wanted to raise the numbers of floors, this was the start of EGRA and a great victory.

Philip was presented with a small memento from East Greenwich (Meantime Beer)

All at the meeting agreed with the vote of thanks and showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

Philip added that he has been impressed particularly by two key issues that EGRA has brought to the fore: Air Quality Control & Greening of the streets. He will keep an eye out even though retiring as is interested in what happens to the Arches & the associated car park.

2. Thank you to the person who took the council to court over the cruise port (Monique Tomlinson)

A card was circulated for those in attendance to sign, Ian Blore will ensure this gets to him.

3. People's Parlour (Dan Bernstein)

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in this. It's a partnership between EGRA & EEA that has been very successful providing a joint over 65s creative club. The initial vision that we had through talking to Steve Wreyford & others was to use this as a catalyst for community action and integration. This term culminates in a lantern parade through East Greenwich on Thursday 14th December starting at 5:15pm. The Shine a Light lantern parade is aimed at getting the whole of East Greenwich out, create a community feel and allow people to get to know each other. We strongly encourage everyone to come along.

Crowd Funding is ongoing. In the application that EGRA made to Arts Council England we need to raise £12,000, so far, we've got £5,000 with a further £4,000 promised. Any donation no matter how small helps as it's also the number of donors that counts. As well as paying for the event we are looking to ensure that we can keep the people's parlour going all year round rather than just 3 terms. We can then look to see how we can extend going forwards.

Steve Wreyford offered a vote of thanks to Dan for taking the idea forwards, this is certainly beyond what we originally imagined. This has engaged with older people in our community and would encourage everyone to donate and support. All in the room agreed.

4. Direct Action (Dan Garrun)

Dan is organising a demo against air pollution, this is not aligned to any political party, but it is hoped it will come under the banner of 'Stop Killing Londoners'. Momentum is building and recruiting people to join. We are trying to think of something eye catching, the idea so far is a mock funeral / procession from the location of Cruise terminal to location of Silvertown Tunnel. We have secured a

small budget to advertise on Facebook. By running this under the banner of Stop Killing Londoners we can leverage their profile and channels as well as their ability to bring in activists.

We are aiming for the last weekend in January and will confirm the date as soon as possible. We will let EGRA know so that it can be sent out to members.

There is a local artist who has volunteered to put on a night of banner painting and decorating ahead of the event to get people together and have a coherent theme.

The purpose of the event is to get Greenwich on the map as building momentum against air pollution there are lots of these groups popping up now and we want Greenwich to be one of them.

5. CIL Update (Ray Smith)

This issue has been raised at the past few meetings now, EGRA, Greenwich Society & Westcombe Society have combined to engage and ensure transparency on both funds available & process for allocating them as well as to influence where this is spent.

Pippa Hack, Director of Regeneration has now responded to our initial letter sent in July. Danny Thorpe attended the Exec Committee of the Greenwich Society on 17th October, reps of EGRA & Westcombe Society were also present, there was a long session on CIL, but the information was very sparse. What he did say, and this was reiterated by Pippa Hack, is that the council is preparing a report to be put to the cabinet on 6th December. This report will be made public for comment, published at least a week and a day ahead of the meeting (Tuesday 28th November). The group will then get together and consider the group response as well as organise people to attend the session.

Anthony Durham highlighted that once a year for 2 weeks and ordinary citizen has the power to ask the council to produce financial details as if they were the council's auditor. This could be used as a tool to understand the financials if required. The window will be June/July 2018.

The original letter sent to RBG can be found [here](#)

Shane Brownie highlighted a [New Homes bonus](#), this is also a significant amount of money and councils are expected to consult local communities on how this is spent as well.

6. Anchor Iron Wharf (Monique Tomlinson)

The commercial unit at the bottom of Merchant's house has now been granted a license. The area in front of the unit is a public space, but the restaurant wants to put seating outside there. This is a community space that is well used by local residents. An application was made to utilise this space, but was swiftly withdrawn at the request of Morden College until the restaurant is open.

There are currently two planning applications: Bi-fold doors to be installed & illuminated signage, these are under the following references: 17/3124/F – Bi-fold doors & 17/3125/A – Illuminated signage and can be accessed through the RBG planning portal [here](#). The deadline for objections to the planning applications is 29th November, whilst these do not relate to the use of the public space, the Bi-fold doors particularly point towards an ultimate intention to do so.

7. Thames Path Clean Up (Sheila Keeble)

This Saturday 25th November morning 10am, we will meet on the cycle & foot path between the golf driving range and Intercontinental hotel. Greenwich council are supportive and providing litter pickers, rubbish bags & collection. This will be fun; snacks and mince pies will be available. We would like to use this to promote activities on twitter and take photos to show that we like to work

8. Openings for volunteers (Charlotte Baker)

Outline of what we need help with provided to those at the meeting and it's also on the website [here](#). The next outline will be for planning and will post soon. No matter how much time you have, please let us know if you can help by sending an email to info@EGRA.london.

Maze Hill gardeners – Helena (Walnut Tree Rd) has co-ordinated with the railways for money and is looking after this now

Bellot St – There was a productive meeting with the tree officer and the council is amenable to planting, but may not happen until next autumn as this is the next planting season, we are trying to hurry them up.

Please send an email to info@egra.london if you can volunteer to help (however small the amount of time), have ideas for plots that could be greened, donations of plants or streets that could do with more trees planted.

9. Enderby Group (Mary Mills)

Matthew Pennycook had a meeting with senior councillors and Barratts last week. Barratts were vague about work being done on Enderby House. The council conservation team have been in and we are waiting to hear details. Message we're now getting is that Barratts are looking at a major chain brewery to tenant the building. Enderby Group has a meeting next week with Matthew Pennycook and the developers. We are now in touch with Enderby Wharf residents group as well.

The Enderby Group AGM will be held on Saturday 9th December at 3pm at The Star & Garter and hope to have a social afternoon with a presentation on the history of the house.

Gas Holder Site consultation has now closed. A paper with the revised brief went to cabinet last week. All statutory responses were included, and interestingly said heritage issues should be considered within the site & there were approx. 50 letters asking for the frame of the gas containers to be maintained and turned into a community space. There is a certificate for immunity from listing going through the Dept. for Environment.

10. AOB:

Low Emissions Neighbourhood – Ian Blore & Patrick Ives are leading this initiative for EGRA. There is a further consultation meeting on Tuesday 28th November 3pm-5pm at the Greenwich Centre. Consultation is in progress, closing 8th December. We should have our say about other options, not just the options that they have presented. It was agreed to write to the council asking for an extension to this consultation, so people can see it in relation to other proposals (eg the pocket parks) and our own ideas.

CPZ – Steve Wreyford has tried to get an update from the council. EGRA has received a response from the council regrading the delay to the process:

“Due to a high volume of work and the limited resources at our disposal, it has not been possible to progress this scheme as quickly as we had hoped. It was necessary to make a number of revisions to the plans in response to the recent consultation, which has added further to the delay.

The Council must now follow a legal (Traffic Management Order) process for revising the CPZ. The TMOs are currently undergoing preparation and we hope to advertise them before Christmas. Any formal objections raised to the TMOs must then be properly considered.

I can assure you that the Council is progressing the changes to the East Greenwich CPZ as quickly as possible but for the present I must kindly ask you to bear with us.”

Mary Mills highlighted the consultation on building up Greenwich as a cultural centre from the GLA, the Greenwich bid is being run by Greenwich & Docklands festival.

John Mills highlighted a licensing application for a night club on the premises of the Old Turk restaurant with opening hours until 2am Friday & Saturday. This has been a restaurant for the past 4 years and there has been no trouble. Requested that EGRA object to the license application. Charlotte Baker offered to go to the licensing hearing and help with objections. Ray Smith suggested that safe neighbourhood rep should also be written to. Local councillor Stephen Brain is on the licensing committee so would recommend writing to him also.

It was suggested that it would be useful to have templates for licensing & planning application objections on the website.

Matthew Pennycook would like to speak at the next public meeting, suggestions that he could attend the lantern parade and speak at the reception in Rothbury Hall afterwards. We will follow up to see if this is feasible.

We will aim to have the next public meeting in January, possibly the third week and will hold this at Rothbury Hall.

Monique closed the meeting with a thank you to everyone for attending and to those on the exec committee for their service this year. This was seconded by those in the room.