

LANGTON GREEN VILLAGE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 17th January, Church Hall, 19.00

In attendance:

Dave Whittaker, James Bowdidge, Nicci Levy, Jeremy Stirling, Nick Trainor, Harry Harrison, Lynn Trainor, David Brimlow, Mark Gamble

Apologies:

Helen Fuller, Josie Gamble, Emma Howden, Emma Stevens, Lyn Dollimore, Lawrence Dollimore

Platinum Jubilee (2nd/5th June)

- Decided, with JG's blessing, not to progress Dog Show etc in view of Pavilion/soccer fiesta and proximity to Fete; JG proposes to hold a Royal Dog Show at Fete
- Investigate giving Jubilee Party Packs ie bunting, flags etc out free to encourage street parties. JB investigating and will report back
- JB to check with Ed Langridge if /when Quercus Ilex planting with Greg Clark to take place
- Cherry trees planted on Green should really be considered as Jubilee (as per BBC)

Traffic

- DW attending SPC Traffic Committee at the end of January
- Dave Pate has sought LGVS views on effectiveness of changes to speed limit on Groombridge Hill; no change noticed by Committee
- DP says LGVS should not expect to get everything but we must keep pressure up as it is all seriously important
- Possibility of funding road safety works once/if charitable status and fundraising capacity confirmed

Fete

- To be held on Saturday 2nd July
- NL already receiving multiple approaches for stands etc
- Fete Committee meeting on Monday 7th February
- JG seeking eminent people in the village to act as judges ie Royal Dog Show, Royal Cake Competition etc
- Should Fete and Party on the Green alternate?

Greenleaf/Cherry Blossom

- Agreed we have planted enough for the time being but consider further opportunities in future
- JB to liase with DB/Sussex Lund to recover costs he has paid personally
- JB to contact Guy Lambert to seek permission to put remembrance plaques on cherry trees

- LGV to plant a mature cherry tree on A264 side of Green for the Jubilee

Gatwick

- JS latest report attached
- JS stressed need for constant vigilance against a very aggressive and well funded adversary
- LGVS policy should be to fall in behind GON/GACC and donate when required
- LGVS will need to encourage village participation at next stage(s) of campaign

Quiz

- LL2 arrange, date in October (provisionally 1st) to be agreed; Committee keen to attend
- Details attached

Benches

- NL to ask if Graham Anderson (odd-job man) can repair and maintain wooden benches at LGVS cost
- JB will bring digger and breaker to Green to remove old concrete benches, possibly using rubble for foundations of new pads. JB/MG to liase on date

Music in Langton

- JB meeting Elena to try and progress. Will need active Committee input as Elena has the music etc but not the organisation and marketing. Fordcombe Hall appears best venue; agreed to pursue joint event. JB to progress with Fordcombe
- JB to report back on other proposed concerts etc

Mentoring

- Modest pilot scheme to be trialled

Wine Tasting

- Date 5th March, Pavilion. DB, HH and JB to meet to finalise. c.40 people

Broadband

- NT reported BT had confirmed Langton Green to receive fibrous broadband and so no point in pursuing independently

Equipment

- JS to investigate value and sale of existing marquees
- MG to assess what required for Fete and other events ie gazebos

Charity/EGM

- Following feedback, most constructively by Peter Brown, some minor modifications have been made to the charitable proposals which will now be presented to the EGM on 28th February.
- Generally, feedback has been extremely positive and it is not clear to what the small number of objectors actually object, other than change. This is a shame as the LGVS attempts to build on the good work and legacy of those who have gone before.

- Agreed structure with 5 trustees initially ie DW, JB, NL (Secretary), MG (Treasurer) LT
- May be need for additional trustees in due course but focus must be on securing EGM approval and charitable status to increase scope of fundraising etc
- Future Committee Agendas to include slot for Trustees
- NL to coordinate Facebook info and reminder email to members
- As charitable status so important to our future, all Committee members encouraged to drum up support.
- Next meeting (or separate working group) to include comprehensive discussion of recruitment, solicitation of donations, support etc
- All to contact friends and neighbours who work for large corporates etc to seek matched funding as per DW/Barclays; sponsor static cyclists at Fete. Langton Ladies cyclists?

Committee/Trustees

- MG to take over, temporarily, as Treasurer from DB, handover with Fete accounts. NB We must find a permanent replacement – Facebook etc appeal?
- JS has an idea for a new Committee member
- NT to take over as Web Master; LaD preparing manual. JB to approach Drys to see if they can help with design

AOB/Miscellaneous

- NC invited vigilance (or vigilantes?) to protect yarn bombs
- JB/HH to take down and return hanging baskets to LyD
- Neighbourhood Watch – nothing further to report
- Security – nothing further to report
- Litter bins – nothing further to report
- Bursaries – LyD was writing a piece for Langton Life?
- Litter picking – nothing to report

Next Meetings:

Committee – 14th February 19.00 (Church Hall – please may LT or ES confirm)

EGM – 28th February 19.00 (Pavilion)

AGM – tbc April