

# **BRIXTON**

## Neighbourhood Forum

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### **Notes of Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

Held at Renton Close community flat, Brixton Hill.

Attendance: Devon Thomas (Chair), Traders)	John Gordon (Brixton Market Traders)
Chris Patton (Makerhood)	Phil Isaac (ABC Brixton)
Kristina Glushkina (Makerhood)	Matthew Clarke (Carlton Mansions)
Jean Kerrigan (FoWG)	Alan Piper (Brixton Society)
Nicholas Weedon (FoWG)	Bill Linskey (Brixton Society)

Apologies for absence from:

Hannah Lewis (TTB/ Brixton Remade)	Paul Hill (Brixton Community Trust)
J. Raymond (Lambeth Enterprise Traders)	Stuart Horwood (Brixton Mkt Traders)

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Notes of the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> August were tabled.

### **Promoting Brixton:**

Devon has been discussing increased coverage for Brixton with the editor of the Weekender, probably in the form of a special supplement. Alan has already supplied some local history information.

Brixton Village Traders have been involved with planning the "We Love Brixton" event in Windrush Square this coming Saturday.

The Satay Bar and Living Bar in Coldharbour Lane are hosting a Fashion Show on the last Saturday of October.

Plans are still being firmed up for a Christmas Lights event, provisionally at the end of November.

### **Implications of the Localism Bill:**

Jean suggested we try to feature this at coming meetings, because it could affect many local groups and so give them a reason to participate in the forum. Bill has some contacts through the London Forum of Amenity Societies, though their present priority is responding to the draft National Planning Policy Framework.

Noted that the Prince's Trust is offering support for groups who wish to get involved in Neighbourhood Planning. Phil suggested we register our interest, and Bill offered to follow this up.

Also, a consultation is underway on changes to MPs' constituency boundaries. Overall the number of MPs will reduce from 650 to 600, and one aim is to have equal numbers of voters in each constituency. The current

proposal is one constituency centred on Brixton, but other parts of Lambeth would be combined with parts of neighbouring boroughs.

**Planning for the Next Meeting:**

Preferred date Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, subject to availability of a venue. Nick would book a local venue, based on accessibility and our budget.

Agenda to include Localism developments, and reports back from groups.

**Contacts List:**

Bill has set up an e-mail contact group, but will re-send the invitation because some members had problems signing up.

**Relations with Lambeth Council:**

Devon has alerted some key Council contacts and would speak with Cllr. Rachel Heywood. Alan to formally notify the Council and relevant Councillors.

**Area of Benefit:**

Nick had prepared an updated version of the map, but this is still provisional pending contact with neighbouring bodies – it will be up to the Council to resolve any boundary issues. Bill would prepare a pdf file including the text of the constitution as well.

**Finance:**

Nick has obtained the forms to open a bank account, and will draft a simple business plan to cover core costs. He will approach officers individually for signatures and personal details. Cheques would be signed by any 2 of the 4 main officers. (A formal resolution may be required to confirm the arrangements).

Subscription rates are set out in the constitution, and we need a simple membership invitation form to issue to groups and individuals.

**Reports from Member Groups:**

- An electronic version of the Brixton £ was launched recently.
- Brixton Market Traders Federation hope to sign a contract shortly to run the Friday and Saturday markets in Brixton Station Road. There will be a distinctive theme for each Saturday of the month, and a special Christmas Market on Christmas Eve.
- The final tour of Brixton Windmill for 2011 will be on 9<sup>th</sup> October, but dates are being set for next year, starting with a Festival Event and parade on May Day Bank Holiday (7<sup>th</sup> May).
- Brixton Society hope to have another event in Windrush Square during Open Garden Squares weekend (9/10 June).

**Community Assets:**

Clifton Mansions and the former Evelyn Grace site in Somerleyton Road are apparently being sold by the Council. We need to monitor the disposal of such assets because the Council has some obligations to the community.

Forum Secretary, 9.11.11.