

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Wandsworth Bridge Road Association (WBRA)

Date: 28th November 2022

Time: 19.30. by Zoom

In attendance from Management Committee:

Gary Fannin - Chairman
Beatrice Goater – Deputy Chairman
Jonathan Goater - Treasurer
Natalie Lindsay – Secretary

Gary Fannin thanked everyone for attending the second AGM of the association.

1) The minutes of the 2021 AGM were approved.

2) Appointment of the Management Committee

There were no changes to the management committee.

The Secretary invited members to consider if they would like to come onto the management committee. Ideally the committee should be larger, up to 8 people.

3) Approval of the Accounts

Jonathan Goater (JG) the Treasurer presented the financial statements for the previous year highlighting the GLA grant of £20,000, the LBHF grant supporting the Spring Fayre and the expenditure of the year, significantly the first ever full road closure with the Spring Fayre. He thanked the support of local sponsors who made the Spring Fayre possible. The Accounts for 2022 were approved.

4) Progress Report

The Spring Fayre was deemed a huge success. Financially it was break-even but this was in part thanks to the £10,000 grant from LBHF. There is no certainty that this level of support will be available for the second Spring Fayre in 2023. Feedback was excellent with a request to make it a larger/longer event.

Community & Business

The Spring Fayre 2022 estimated 10,000 visitors onto the road. The objective was to create a buzz as a destination high street, promoting the local businesses. It was also a means of demonstrating how civic space can look when it is not dominated by cars. The Fulham Past:Fulham Future exhibition was very well received and the comments, ideas and suggestions were collated into a mural on the website.

Travel

Obtaining 20mph speed limit in 2021 was key to making the road safer and to down-grade the choice of WBR as a through-route. We obtained some short-term changes on the road such as

the green paint at the junctions however we now need to push council to fully develop the re-design of the road in line with the Clean Green Vision following on from the appointment of WSP. As part of this they also need to focus on the junctions.

Partnerships

WBRA continues to grow and build on partnerships with other organisations advocating Active Travel and tackling the climate & bio-diversity crises. In addition developing a constructive working relationship with the local council is felt to be the best way to advocate for change.

5) Plans for 2023

The work from the council and WSP to develop the redesign of the Wandsworth Bridge Road away from a congested through-route to a thriving Clean Green High Street is key. WBRA will work with council and advisers on developing the project and on community engagement.

Spring Fayre – date is set for 2022 and the association is looking for volunteers to help build and improve on this year's Fayre.

Further events, initiatives and community projects to be identified in accordance with the association's objectives.

Signed:



Gary Fannin (Chair)



Natalie Lindsay (Secretary)