

# East Croydon Community Organisation

## Annual General Meeting

Saturday, 8 July 2017 4.30pm

### MINUTES

	Attendance	
	<p>Chair: Tomas Howard-Jones</p> <p>Members: Lisa Bailey, Rod Davies, Jerry Fitzpatrick, Jason Hinton, Tunde Hinton, Hugh Hemmings, Sasha Konechni, Anne Mcmillan, Tony Skrzypczyk, Michael Smaldon, Esther Sutton, Steve Thompson, Angela Vanegas</p> <p>Non-members: Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, Mira Armour (HOME), Bob McGuinness (Canning &amp; Clyde Residents Association)</p> <p>Apologies: Hilary Bell, Janet Clarke, Fiona Crowe, Dawn Edwards, Anne Keeley, Mark Lynch, Christine Thomas,</p>	
1	Actions from AGM 2016	
	<p>At the 2016 AGM, the draft constitution was discussed. Concerns were raised about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• how steering group members represented the views of members</li><li>• how they would be elected should more than 12 be nominated</li><li>• the wording of the clause on General Meetings</li></ul> <p>Jerry Fitzpatrick, Tom Wells and Angela Vanegas drafted new clauses to replace them. David Freeman, former Voluntary Sector Manager of Croydon Council was then consulted on the revised draft constitution and suggested some further changes. The constitution was then published on the ECCO website <a href="https://eastcroydon.org.uk/constitution/">https://eastcroydon.org.uk/constitution/</a></p> <p>At the 2016 AGM, the accounts up to from the first public meeting on 7 October 2014 to 11 July 2016 were noted with the following comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a person with appropriate qualifications draw up the accounts</li><li>• the source of donations in excess of £50 should be clear</li><li>• the deposit of £25 required to open an account at Chelsea Building Society should not be shown as expenditure.</li></ul> <p>Alan Irving, a member of the Institute of Credit Managers, supervised the drawing up of the 2016-17 accounts and examined them.</p>	

<b>2</b>	<b>Steering group members</b>	
	<p>The following people were proposed and seconded by the deadline of 1 July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hilary Bell</li> <li>• Fiona Crowe</li> <li>• Rod Davies</li> <li>• Dawn Edwards</li> <li>• Jerry Fitzpatrick</li> <li>• Tomas Howard-Jones</li> <li>• Sasha Konechni</li> <li>• Tony Skrzypczyk</li> <li>• Esther Sutton</li> <li>• Christine Thomas</li> <li>• Steve Thompson</li> <li>• Angela Vanegas</li> </ul> <p>Janet Clarke and Mark Lynch did not wish to continue as steering group members and are thanked for all they have done for ECCO.</p> <p>As no more than 12 steering group members were proposed and seconded, it was not necessary to hold an election at the AGM. It is hoped that members living on roads not currently represented on the steering group will put themselves forward for election next year.</p> <p>Tunde Hinton suggested that someone from Addiscombe Court Road or Tunstall Road join the steering group. As this is not possible under the ECCO constitution until July 2018, Tunde and Angela Vanegas will discuss how their views can be represented at the steering group meeting before then.</p>	TH, AV
<b>3</b>	<b>Account</b>	
	<p>The accounts from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 were noted.</p> <p>£2030 has been received from Croydon Council's Community Ward Budgets for planting along Addiscombe Road and welcome cards &amp; events for new residents. These grants need to be spent by 31 March 2018. The source of these grants will be made more explicit.</p>	AV
<b>4</b>	<b>Presentations</b>	
	<p>Jerry Fitzpatrick reported on environmental activities that included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two successful community clean ups (Cedar Road rectangle and Addiscombe Court Rd/Lebanon Rd/Tunstall Rd), followed by tea and cake. Both were well supported by Tracey Bellamy from Croydon Council.</li> <li>• A walkabout by residents, councillors and council officers along Addiscombe Road on 7 March to discuss how the planted areas could be improved.</li> </ul>	

- Three sessions to remove ivy and other weeds from the Addiscombe Road beds by Good Gym, supported by residents
- Successful bid for £500 to the community ward budget to buy new plants for the Addiscombe Road beds
- Planting of a lime tree in memory of environmentalist Joan Pick in one of the beds along Addiscombe Rd in a ceremony attended by her family
- A walkabout by residents, councillors and council officers along several roads in the ECCO area to identify excessive street furniture. This has resulted in existing poles being used to display new signs.
- Residents assisted a man struck by a huge branch that fell from a tree on Addiscombe Rd on 11 June. All the other trees have been checked and pronounced sound.
- Responding to the environmental implication in the application for revised planning permission for the Menta Redrow development.

Angela Vanegas reported on social events that included

- A Hallowe'en drop-in event in Cart Lodge Mews that attracted over 80 parents and children from a wide range of streets
- A pub quiz in the Cricketers with a more modest audience, but which was great fun
- Successful bid for £1530 to the community ward budget to revise the ECCO website to ensure it include the information needed by new residents, the design and printing of cards for new residents pointing them to the website, three welcome events.
- Two Big Lunches (Lebanon Rd and Cedar Rd)

Rod Davies reported on traffic management issues, including

- Liaison with Transport for London and Croydon Council over the traffic chaos that followed the closure of part of Addiscombe Road in August 2016 from tramway maintenance. Traffic signs were placed in more appropriate places and useful contacts made with both organisations.
- Attended a traffic management meeting with residents associations from both Addiscombe and Shirley Forums and Croydon Council. Unfortunately there was no real outcome to this meeting.
- Worked closely with Croydon Council and O'Hallorans when the later required part of Cherry Orchard Road to be closed for the removal of a crane. As a result, Julie Childs, the Network Manager is keeping ECCO informed of future changes to our streets.
- Encouraged ECCO members to respond to consultation on local traffic flow.

Tomas Howard-Jones reported on local developments, including

- Concern about Menta Redrow not engaging with other landowners in the area around East Croydon station (such as Network Rail and Hyde Homes). The lack of such

	<p>engagement could result in a delay to the construction of access to the bridge over the platforms from Cherry Orchard Road, an ineffective transport interchange and an unattractive environment. Will meet with Croydon Council to discuss how their activities can be co-ordinated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraged ECCO members to respond to consultation on ward boundaries.</li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Discussions</b>	
	<p>Esther Sutton chaired a discussion on possible events. Suggestions included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A walking tour of the ECCO area, combining local and personal history</li> <li>• A jumble trail</li> <li>• Guerrilla gardening, perhaps with crocus corms in the Oval Road Triangle</li> <li>• Ensuring that posters &amp; flyers advertising ECCO events are made available where older people meet (eg the over 60s club and care home on Addiscombe Road)</li> <li>• Posting more information about existing events on the ECCO website</li> <li>• Consider how to publicise our activities to people without internet access</li> </ul> <p>Tomas Howard-Jones chaired a discussion on local developments. Suggestions included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigating how to obtain community asset status for The Glamorgan</li> <li>• Holding a meeting with Croydon Council about the development of the land around East Croydon station</li> <li>• Clarifying how section 106 money from the Menta Redrow development will be used.</li> <li>• Lobbying for more cycle lanes</li> </ul> <p>Rod Davies chaired a discussion about traffic management. Suggestions included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joining forces with other local community groups to lobby for a strategic review of traffic flow in the wider area, so that we can go to the council with some solutions, not just issues</li> </ul>	<p>ECCO steering group</p> <p>ECCO steering group</p> <p>ECCO steering group, Mira Armour</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Donations</b>	
	Members kindly donated £45 towards ECCO running costs.	