

East Croydon Community Organisation

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 12 July 2018 8pm

MINUTES

Attendance		
	<p>Chair: Fiona Crowe</p> <p>Members: Tomas Howard-Jones, Rod Davies, Jason Hinton, Sasha Konechni, Tony Skrzypczyk, Esther Sutton, Angela Vanegas, Dawn Edwards, Christine Thomas, Sally Anne Cook, Miriam Heyburn, Szymon Zaborski, Erica Wright, Penny Munden, K Sheehan, Patrick Buckley, Shafkaat Ahmed, Richard Morely, Mike Griffiths, Lisa Bailey, Jeanette Nathan, Anne Keeley, Steve Thompson, Tunde Hinton, Ghalib Chaudhri, Councillor Jerry Fitzpatrick</p> <p>Non-members: Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, Councillor Patricia Hay-Justice, Mira Armour (HOME), Miriam de Souza (HOME), Rachel Pickering, Mark Pickering,</p> <p>Apologies: Hilary Bell, Andy Bravery</p>	
1	Actions from AGM 2017	
	<p>Tunde Hinton suggested that someone from Addiscombe Court Road or Tunstall Road join the steering group. Three people have just done so (Jason Hinton, Sally Anne Cook and Andy Bravery).</p> <p>The source of grants is made recorded on the accounts spreadsheet and acknowledged when the activities they fund are posted on the website.</p> <p>Some of the activities suggested took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guerrilla gardening with crocus corms in the Oval Road Triangle• Ensuring that posters & flyers advertising ECCO events are made available in the over 60s club• Posting more information about existing events on the ECCO website• Our activities are publicised to people without internet access via flyers and posters <p>Others have yet to take place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A walking tour of the ECCO area, combining local and personal history• A jumble trail	<p>ECCO steering group</p>

	<p>Some of the matters relating to local developments and traffic management were moved forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community asset status for The Glamorgan was achieved by the Save The Glamorgan Campaign • A meeting was held with Croydon Council and other local groups about the development of the land around East Croydon station • Joined forces with other local community groups to lobby for a strategic review of traffic flow in the wider area <p>Others have yet to take place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifying how section 106 money from the Menta Redrow development will be used. • Lobbying for more cycle lanes 	ECCO steering group
2	Steering group members	
	<p>The following people were proposed and seconded by the deadline of 3 July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Bravery • Sally Anne Cook • Fiona Crowe • Rod Davies • Dawn Edwards • Jason Hinton • Tomas Howard-Jones • Sasha Konechni • Tony Skrzypczyk • Esther Sutton • Christine Thomas • Angela Vanegas <p>Hilary Bell, Jerry Fitzpatrick and Steve Thompson have left the steering group 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>	
3	Accounts	
	<p>The accounts from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 were noted.</p> <p>£250 has been received from The Greater London Council for an Irish music event held at The Orchard in March 2018.</p> <p>£637.08 is carried forward, but this includes £500 from a grant for planting along Addiscombe Road and the expenses of the AGM. We will have to fund raise for any future events that will incur expenditure.</p>	

4	Presentations	
	<p>Tony Skrzypczyk reported on environmental activities that included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A successful community clean up on Oval Rd and Leslie Park Road, followed by tea and cake at The Oval Tavern. This was well supported by Tracey Bellamy from Croydon Council and Croydon Mencap • Four sessions to remove ivy and other weeds from the Addiscombe Rd beds by Good Gym, supported by residents <p>Angela Vanegas reported on social events that included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Fun Day at Tunstall Nursery School, which attracted just over 30 participants – a disappointed turn out. • A Hallowe'en drop-in event in Cart Lodge Mews that attracted over 200 parents and children • A pub quiz in The Orchard with a more modest audience, but which was great fun • A stall at Ark Oval Winter Fair that attracted several new members • Three welcome events including a Crafternoon at The Oval Tavern (that attracted over 50 participants of all ages) and half term sports at Ark Oval Primary (that attracted over 90). An Irish music event at The Orchard was successful in attracting musicians, but none from the ECCO area and the audience was small. • Two Big Lunches (Lebanon Rd and Cedar Rd) were organised by ECCO and a third by Tunstall and Addiscombe Court Rd Residents Association <p>Tomas Howard-Jones reported on local developments, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menta Redrow receiving planning permission from Croydon Council, though the decision has been referred to the office of the Mayor of London. • Croydon Council has set up the East Croydon Forum to enable local groups to contribute to discussions on the East Croydon Masterplan. • Ark Blake Secondary School: scheduled to open in 2020 • Hyde Housing: yet to submit planning permission to develop the sorting office site • East Croydon Medical Centre: need to resubmit their planning application to redevelop their surgery • Cherryfields meat packing plant: Crest Nicholson are about to apply for planning permission to construct flats on this site <p>Sacha Konechni reported on other matter, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of an ECCO logo and its use on the ECCO website, Facebook pages, Twitter account and welcome card • Revision of the ECCO website: more than 860 people now subscribe to news posts • Publication of the ECCO privacy policy • Steering group members attendance at Safer Neighbourhood Panel, East Croydon Medical Centre 	

	Patients' Participation Panel and Save the Glamorgan Campaign	
5	Discussions	
	<p>Esther Sutton chaired a discussion on events. Suggestions included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Something aimed at/organised by young people, perhaps at BoxPark (eg gaming, music, skate boarding) • Develop a walking tour in conjunction with CNHSS, perhaps based on their 1975 tour, but incorporating personal as well as historic information. Could link in with a school's initiative to encourage children to walk a mile a day. • Cycling, perhaps teaching children to ride bicycles safely in conjunction with Addiscombe Cycling Club <p>Tomas Howard-Jones chaired a discussion on local developments. Suggestions included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network Rail development: encourage them to consider resident's concerns <p>Jerry Fitzpatrick chaired a discussion about the environment. Suggestions included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to come together to discuss a solution to the traffic flow problems (see below) • Street lighting is now too bright <p>Sasha Konechni chaired a discussion on other matters. Suggestions included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling: confusion as to where people can cycle along Addiscombe Road, resulting in people cycling on the pavement • East Croydon Medical Centre: concern that the new building will be too big for a residential area • New recycling bins may not be fit for purpose (see below). • Oval Road Triangle needs to be maintained • Alleyways behind houses: should these be cleared or are they homes for wildlife, such as stag beetles. 	ECCO steering group
6	Traffic Flow	
	<p>Proposal to organise a meeting about local traffic flow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • involving all interested groups, including the four local community groups (ECCO, TACRA, CCRA and HOME) • all communications to be agreed by all four community groups before they are released • involving the "silent majority" as well as the people who are usually vocal about this issue • including technical experts (perhaps fundraising to pay for a technical consultation) • including an external person to challenge assumptions and check that the information provided is truthful. • with an independent facilitator. Councillor Jerry Fitzpatrick knows of someone with the relevant skills, 	ECCO steering group

7	New Recycling Arrangements	
	<p>Concerns include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • insufficient space for households to store the new bins • unclear how to get rid of the old recycling bins (some may be flytipped as a result) • maisonettes being told they will have to use the new bins, although they will be able to keep using the old recycling bins • existing problems with getting food and green waste removed on time <p>Ward councillors replied that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it will be possible for the old recycling boxes to be collected • if anyone has problems with existing collections, they should contact their ward councillors • there will be a special project on Oval Road as it is recognised that most houses there do not have an appropriate space in which to store the bins • road where the houses have small front gardens will be assessed 	ECCO steering group
8	Any other business	
	<p>Three items could not be discussed due to lack of time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meeting of West Addiscombe community groups • flytipping • making the ECCO steering group more representative of the roads it serves 	ECCO steering group
9	Donations	
	Members kindly donated £60 towards ECCO running costs.	