

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, East Croydon Community Organisation (ECCO) will not be holding an Annual General Meeting in 2020.

### **Steering Group Members**

We will continue with our existing Steering Group Members. However, if any member is interested in joining the Steering Group, they can contact [mail@eastcroydon.org.uk](mailto:mail@eastcroydon.org.uk).

- 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

### **Accounts**

Stephen Siu has kindly donated the £215 sponsorship money he received from running the Headcorn half-marathon on 16 February on behalf of ECCO.

The accounts from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 show that a balance of £407.32 will be carried forward into 2020-21.

### **Actions from ECCO AGM 2019**

East Croydon Station Improvements:

- ECCO submitted suggestions to Govia Thameslink and posted them on the ECCO website on 26 June (excluding those that were the responsibility of other organisations such as Croydon Council).
- Brendan O'Connor of Tunstall and Addiscombe Court Road Resident's Association (TACRA) has been pursuing the matter and found out that Govia Thameslink are planning to spend some of the money on a mural on the wall of the railway bridge opposite the main entrance to East Croydon station (as this will not be affected if the station is redeveloped).

Traffic Flow:

- a working group of all the streets involved was proposed, but has not come together
- Croydon Council was investigating the introduction of northbound one-way traffic in Elgin Road, Havelock Road and Outram Road and intending to consult local residents on this in the autumn. However, on 23 December a message was received from the Council stating that it had "more recently received a number of concerns from local residents, their residents'

association representatives and local ward Councillors, that this one-way working proposal is no longer considered acceptable to local people” and that the proposal had been abandoned.

#### Environment:

- incentivising people to turn their front garden spaces into gardens again. Asked for volunteers in a post on 1 January, but no one came forward.
- turning back alleys into community gardens. We intended to make a survey of access to back alleys in preparation for ECCO history walks in summer 2020, but these have been postponed until further notice.
- adding attractive, solar powered lighting to The Boulevard to improve safety. The Council would seek confirmation from the local Police on whether the Boulevard needed to be made safer with better lighting, but the boulevard hasn't been an area that attracts crime, so is not a local Police priority to press the Council to improve
- improving the area around the Leslie Arms as part of its redevelopment the whole of the local shopping area will have its own Council plan in time, postponed due to the need to prioritise COVID-19 response.
- installing hanging baskets in the Lower Addiscombe Road/Cherry Orchard Road shopping area, unlikely to happen as all non-essential Council expenditure has been stopped due to the COVID-19 induced financial crisis.

#### Everything Else:

- a Big Lunch in Leslie Grove. All Big Lunches were cancelled due to the pandemic
- using Alpha Road for a play street. Asked for volunteers in a post on 1 January, but no one came forward.
- an informal dads' group has been set up, but as yet does not include many dad's with children at Oval School

#### Local Green Space Designation

- a working group was proposed to prioritise which local green spaces to designate, but this did not come together
- encouraging people to complete the online survey (second post published 18 July)

#### Street drug dealing and rough sleeping:

- garage without a door near 1 Lebanon Road boarded up

#### Recycling and Rubbish Bin Collection

- how to report problems with bin collections posted on website 20 August

#### **ECCO Activities 2019-2020**

- guided a history walk around the ECCO area on 7 September 2019
- ran a craft afternoon at Tunstall Nursery School 14 September
- organised a community clean-up of Leslie Park Road and Oval Road on 22 September 2019

- helped GoodGym Croydon remove weeds and rubbish from The Boulevard, Addiscombe Road on 24 September & 17 December 2019
- surveyed empty tree pits, leading to Croydon Council planting 15 new street trees in September 2019
- held an East Croydon quiz at The Oval Tavern on 9 October
- held a popular Hallowe'en drop-in in Cart Lodge Mews on 31 October
- posted the ECCO response to the Local Plan Review on 15 January