

## Hammersmith & Fulham Local Agenda 21 Forum

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### Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 25 July 2005

Present: Matt Dunckley (Chair), Richard Adam (LBH&F), Veronica Curtis, John Griffiths, Stephen McAndrews, Chris Bainbridge (LBH&F), Mary Corral, Louanne Tranchell, Alex Forrest (LBH&F), Krokaukooma Kadoo, Gwen Cook and David Wardrop

**1 Apologies for absence** Nick Pollock, Cllr Andrew Jones

**2 Minutes of meeting 17 May** These were agreed as a true record

**3 Matters arising** There were none.

### 4 Current programmes

**4.1 Car Free Day, 22 September** The committee reviewed and rejected proposed options. It agreed to support the request for funding for the Godolphin Gardens project (Cathy Maund) and to concentrate on creating a good quality event for 2006. The proposal by John Griffiths for an interim meeting/day conference of interested parties to discuss related issues and kick-start the planning process was supported. It was also noted that Trenton Oldfield will be organising a boat trip between Hammersmith and Chelsea to promote sustainable transport issues. The Chair will discuss involvement in this with Trenton Oldfield.

**4.2 Local Development Framework; 1st stage, Scoping Report** Richard Adam outlined options facing the Forum. It was agreed that there was little point in commenting on the Scoping Report (closing date, mid-August) but it was agreed to enter into the Local Development Framework (LDF) process when papers are released in October. This activity could involve co-operating with the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and the Voluntary Sector Resource Centre (VSRC) to hold a series of public consultation meetings on Sustainability throughout the Borough. The Forum proposed putting together a user-friendly package of about 30 targets for detailed comments by the community. Suggestions please to the next meeting.

**4.3 Fairtrade Borough** Mary Corral reported that nearly all qualifying targets have been reached. Richard Adam has some documents to complete for signature in mid-August by, it was proposed, Cllr Andrew Jones, Mary Corral and Cllr Michael Cartwright. A date for officially launching Fairtrade Borough status will be decided when this has been confirmed by the Fairtrade Foundation.

**4.4 West Brompton Station Garden** David Wardrop reported on the meeting held on site and agreed to revert to Mike Bradford (Network Rail) on outstanding tasks to be completed by Network Rail. The Forum was a little disappointed by the lack of response by the BTCV, but remains excited by the potential of this project. Matt has met with Jane Knight to discuss suitable publicity material for engaging the local community and these will be presented at the next meeting.

**4.5 One World Week 23-30 October 'Promises, Promises'** Mary Corral reported that she had applied for use of display space in the Hammersmith library. The programme is ambitious and it was agreed that this could be launched at the proposed community meetings (see 4.2).

**4.6. Flora of Fulham** Steve McAndrews reported on the success of survey/training evenings at urban wildlife havens across the Borough, such as Margravine Cemetery. The website is also now active: [www.floraoffulham.org](http://www.floraoffulham.org). A schools survey project will produce attractive posters on certain bus routes about the Borough's flora and fauna and an exhibition will take place at Fulham Palace from about October 6th.

**4.7 'Taking it on' Action** This is being moved on by DEFRA's 'Community Action 2020' project, developing ways of encouraging communities to be enthusiastic about sustainability. Richard Adam will update us on details shortly.

### 5 Reports

**5.1 Loris Garden, 12 June** Mary Corral had a Fairtrade stall here which attracted many visitors.

**5.2 West London Green Festival, 19 June** The Forum congratulated John Griffiths, Veronica and the others who had made this year's event such a success, aided by great weather. There was great interest from the local community, networking opportunities among numerous stalls promoting sustainable living, and good quality entertainment. John appealed for earlier planning and more active participation next year.

**5.3 Borough Partnership, 29 June** Veronica represented the Forum in Louanne's absence and reported that it's focus was on the Healthy Living Centre (featured in the Forum's AGM). They now have funding for health trainers to work with disadvantaged people in Shepherd's Bush. The Forum will seek to involve the BP in the community events later this year (see 4.2).

**5.3 'Look around you'** Matt will put together a programme of venues for this exhibition of last year's photographs, starting in mid-September at the Information Centre.

**6 Web Designer** David Wardrop has engaged a new web designer who will liaise with Chris Amies to revamp the LA21 website over the coming few months.

**7 Environmental Justice** This item was deferred to the September meeting.

**8 Finance** The current balance stands at £3855.59, including the new LBHF grant.

**9 Any Other Business**

**9.1 Black History Month** Catherine Knight would like to contact anyone in our network who may be interested in participating in events, perhaps ethnic minority representatives with insights on the environment or sustainability.

**9.2 Masbro Carnival** A Fairtrade stall will be represented, but a Forum stall may not due to a lack of available personnel.

**10 Next meetings** This will be held at the Information Centre, Hammersmith, at 6pm on 5th September and the following meeting on 20th October.