

Hammersmith & Fulham

Local Agenda 21 Forum

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Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 6 March 2002

Present Matt Dunckley (Chair), Alan Watts (LBH&F), John Griffiths, Kam Chana (LBH&F), Richard Adam (LBH&F), Mary Flynn-O'Connor, Louanne Tranchell, John Lamprell-Jarrett, Mary Corrall, Alex Forrest (LBH&F), Sumita Sinha, Ged Action (ENCAMS), John Ryan, PC Peter Riches, Nicole Newton-Schmitt and David Wardrop

1 Apologies for absence These had been received from Sue Ingham, Ieuan Prys-Davies, Nick Pollock and Tom Buxton.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2002 These were agreed as being a true record. **3 Matters arising** **3.1. Lots Road, new housing development** Matt reported on the meeting held on 26 January at which local residents showed their resistance to proposals for new private high-rise apartment blocks. The Committee agreed that the Forum's mandate mainly related to issues connected to Agenda 21 rather than local campaigning. However, in common with fellow organisations in Wandsworth, the Forum was concerned that recycling and energy conservation initiatives which should feature in all 'new builds' are not pressed with vigour by local authorities. The Committee agreed that the Forum would register its concerns with the developers, Circadian and the architects, Farrell Associates by letter drafted by the Hon Secretary.

3.2 Car Free Day, Sunday, 22 September John Ryan and John Griffiths reported on their meeting with Chris Bainbridge, LBH&F. A number of sites had been discussed and several had been submitted to Roger Khanna, Director, Roads. Together with LBH&F officers, they had agreed that the location comprising Parsons Green, Parsons Green Lane and environs could be seen as a contender, being manageable. We understand that Robert Evans of the DTLR (seconded from GLA), is the National Co-ordinator for Car Free Day. It was agreed that David would set up a running e-mail debate, enabling all parties to assist in focussing the programmes for the day.

3.3 Don't Choke Hammersmith Alex Forrest reminded the committee that the campaign would last through the month of June, to include a sequence of activities (National Bike Week, Green Transport Week, etc). The committee agreed that a series of promotions, possibly using a fixed site in Lyric Square, could be stretched over the period. Also, campaigns targeting the Borough's largest employers (including the Council) should set out to elicit information on current commuting habits and what stimuli might change these. The e-mail debate platform (see 4.2) would offer opportunity for continuing creative input.

3.4 West Brompton Station Alex Forrest reported that Railtrack had conceded its error which had led to the destruction of the Grade II listed wildlife/wetland area adjacent to West Brompton station. Railtrack had reported that continuing work setting out to stabilise the site, improving drainage would have to be completed prior to the restitution of the site. As the next

replanting season will be Spring 2003, this allows us time to participate in the planning of the new wildlife site, together with other stakeholders.

3.5 Ethical Business Forum Sumita Sinha introduced the proposal and Alan Watts, Hammersmith Town Centre manager and others contributed creative ideas. It was agreed that we should identify exemplars of Good Practice, contact people at the right level in major locally-based companies and seek their guidance on how to proceed towards, say a one-day event. It was agreed that the project needed detailed planning and Sumita volunteered to convene a meeting of interested parties. (The e-mail platform will be useful here). Richard Adam reported on his continuing work with Mike Robey, Groundwork, and Mike Beverley, LBH&F, on the proposed *Green Bus* project which would visit business premises in the borough and, possibly, adjacent boroughs.

3.6 Rio+10 Louanne Tranchell and Mary Corral reported on their internet findings. It is hoped that grants will be forthcoming on this project. A subcommittee will meet before the next meeting (11 April). The e-mail platform will be used also.

4 Fair Trade Fortnight Mary Corral reported on the increased range of activities in the borough through which the Fortnight would be marked this month. These include sampling stalls at Sainsburys, Chiswick and Tesco, Brook Green where Cllr Cartwright, Deputy for Environment will participate in a photo-op on 15 March.

5 Newsletter The committee agreed that a new Newsletter should be published and that it should feature *inter alia* reports on the progress of the winners of cash awards granted through the *Your Borough Your Future* Initiative in 2000. David Wardrop will contact these with the assistance of Richard Adam.

6 Sustainable Communities Programme Gerard (Ged) Acton, Sustainable Communities Officer for London reported that this programme which commenced in 1999 would end in Autumn 2002. His projects included those on the Clem Attlee estate involving an art project and a Street Festival. It was agreed that we should encourage close co-operation with the programmes, hopefully relating to the West Brompton Station wildlife development and an exercise to examine how recycling performances in tower blocks and similar estates can be improved. Richard Adam will introduce Ged to the borough's Direct Services department. (gerard.acton@encams.org)

7 Membership Mary Flynn-O'Connor is to move to Ireland and the committee thanked her for her work and wished her the best for the future.

8 Future meetings 11 April and 29 May