

Hammersmith & Fulham

Local Agenda 21 Forum

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Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 15 October 2001

Present Matt Dunckley (Chair), Doris and John Lamprell-Jarrett, Mary Corrall, Kristine Coan (LBH&F), Cathy Maund, Ieuan Prys-Davies, Paul Baker (LBH&F), Nick Pollock, John Ryan, Alex Forrest (LBH&F), Paul Channon, Cllr Gerald Johnson and David Wardrop

1] Welcome Matt welcomed Kristine Coan, Health Strategy Development Officer and Paul Baker, Assistant Policy & Projects Manager, Environment Department.

2] Apologies for absence Dido Berkeley, Sue Ingham and John Griffiths

3] Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September. These taken as a true record.

4] Programmes 4.1 The River Thames

4.1.1 Mayor's Strategy Matt reported that the newly-formed Sustainable Thames Alliance would be formally constituted soon and that its first task was proving to be the securing of the inclusion of the city's waterways into the main text of the Mayor's Strategy, not as an annex.

4.1.2 Fulham Football Club The appeal in the High Court against the proposed development will be heard in 19/20 October.

4.2 One World Week Mary Corrall reported on preparations for OWW, confirming receipt of several entries for the competition run in HFM and the Shepherds Bush and Fulham Gazette. There will be a window displays in the Hammersmith Library. The committee congratulated Mary on her energetic involvement.

4.3 Car Free Day, 22 September Alex Forrest reported on the exhibition held at the Community Information Centre on Car Free Day. Alex reported that the British government had endorsed Car Free Day on 21 September, the last remaining EU state to do so. The committee agreed that we should set up a borough-wide group to prepare for Car Free Day 2002 early in the new year.

4.4 Green Travel A Green Travel Officer has now been appointed. Initial tasks will relate to council staff.

4.5 Cycling issues (John Ryan reported)

4.5.1 Police bikes Requests have been submitted for a further 20 bikes in the borough.

4.5.2 Recycling bikes Transport for London (TFL) has indicated interest in integrating the existing Cycling Centre for Excellence into the London Cycling Network (LCN) to assist in ensuring a smooth interface between boroughs.

4.5.3, during the week 22-27 October, the Borough would be distributing *Buy Recycling* leaflets in local supermarkets indicating recycling opportunities. An extract from the LBH&F explains **Rickshaws** Two commercial rickshaw companies are discussing with the Borough the

viability of re-opening the pedestrian tunnel under the George public house in King Street to store rickshaws which could be used for distribution of goods in the locality, off-loaded from large trucks. The Borough is also developing a cycling strategy to include performance targets.

4.5.4 Electric bike The pilot use of an electric bike by Borough staff awaits a formal go-ahead. The Forum will write a letter urging an end to the delays.

4.5.5 Rental bikes This project (see earlier minutes) remains 'on hold' pending agreement on agreed usage targets.

5] Health strategy in the Borough

5.1 New initiative Kristine Coan, Health Strategy Development Officer, reported on her initial weeks in her job which aims to promote joint working between the health sector and the local authority on all health improvement programmes. Key tasks will include raising the profile of public health and health improvement and integrating them into the health and social care services. Priorities to promote social inclusion are key to the position, as well as strengthening links between all those in the public, private and voluntary sectors who work on health impact. Later, this will link with sports activities, working with the Environment department, the New Opportunities Fund, the British Heart Foundation and commercial partners, including Kia Cars. After discussion, it was suggested that the Forum should seek to kickstart its existing proposals for inclusion of those with disabilities, working with Kristine and her colleagues.

5.2 Healthy Living Centre Cathy Maund reported on the progress of the new centre, to be sited in White City. A matching grant of £1m had led to the definition of a formal structure, supported by nine interested groups led by the Shepherds Bush Housing Trust. A Community Chest facility of £35,000 would be made available for voluntary groups. Also, she reported that the part-time workers funded by the Borough following the *Your Borough, Your Future* initiative, for the Hammersmith Community Garden Project and for Groundwork West London would become unfunded before the financial year-end (March) so efforts were being made to bridge this gap before the formal start of the Healthy Living Centre in April 2002. A window-box workshop and a Christmas Tree recycling initiative are planned for later this year.

6] Recycling

6.1 Recycling Education The Forum's application for funding to the WREF has been rejected but WREF has cited the project as highly suitable for funding by the next round of *Wastewatch* grants in December. We are also considering other options.

6.2 GLA Waste Strategy seminar, 15 October Mary Flynn-O'Connor will report at the next meeting.

6.3 Buy Recycled Campaign Paul Baker announced that natory document is printed below.

6.4 Borough strategy A shortened form of the Borough's recycling strategy has been developed and is available from Richard Adam, Projects & Planning, Environment Dept, LB Hammersmith & Fulham or from Matt Dunkley.

7] Biodiversity

7.1 West Brompton Station Matt Dunkley will discuss with Tim Houghton, Groundwork,

how we might co-operate on progressing this initiative (see earlier minutes).

8 Environment Action Plan (EAP)

8.1 The Borough's EAP This will be discussed at the Environmental Strategy Panel on 30 October. The LA21 Forum is represented on the panel.

9 Community Initiatives

9.1 Groundwork event, Park Royal, 20 September Matt reported that Mike Robey attended this event and lessons could be learned for our own proposed Sustainable Environment Forum which is planned for the new year.

9.2 *Your Borough, Your Future* The summary of this event will be distributed at the AGM, 26 November

10 Publicity & Communication

10.1 New material David Wardrop circulated a single page summary of LA21 aims which, together with existing material could comprise the Forum's new publicity material. Feedback is invited.

11 Forum Finances and Organisation

11.1 Cash balances Paul Channon, Treasurer, reported that funds stand at about £1950.

11.2 Annual grant 2002-2003 The Forum's application for £1950, same as 2000, had been submitted.

12 Future meetings

October

21-28 One World Week

November

3 Christian Aid

Trade Justice Parade

assemble 12.30 Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park, Imperial War Museum, SE1

Urban Studies Centre, Lilla Huset

6.00pm

Refreshments. All invited; bring a friend

26 (note change) AGM

January

16 Executive Meeting

Community Information Centre

See Item 6.3 above

L.A.R.A.C. BUY RECYCLED CAMPAIGN

In an attempt to encourage householders to purchase goods made from recycled products and hence close the recycling circle, the Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee (LARAC) launched a national Buy Recycled Campaign back in 1998.

The campaign runs on a yearly basis and this month we are persuading supermarkets in the borough to allocate an area, in store, to encourage residents to buy recycled goods. The campaign slogan will be "Buy it, Recycle it, Buy recycled". To date we have had confirmation

that Safeways (North End Road and Kings Mall), Tesco's (Shepherd's Bush Road) and Sainsburys (Townmead Road) are all willing to participate during the week commencing 21st October.

Displays will include the Council logo together with that of the Buy Recycled Campaign, and a nearby selection of products made from recycled materials available in the store. As a major player in consumers' purchasing behaviour, supermarkets are ideally placed to draw attention to the issue of buying recycled goods and recycling generally, increasing public participation and support for recycling schemes with the borough.