

AGENDA FOR MEETING

16 FEBRUARY 2010

VENUE: The Station Hotel Staplehurst Road

TIME: 7.00pm

Future Meeting Dates:

16 MARCH

**13 APRIL (Incorporating the
AGM) *****

Further meeting dates for 2010 will be agreed at the April Meeting

FESTIVE COMMUNITY DAY

Thanks were sent to all of the people who entertained the community so admirably and of course both Father Christmas and his Little Helper were once again a huge success. Kathy also thanked the shopkeepers and everyone else involved with the day for their support. Special thanks must go to Matthew and his Team at The Station Hotel whose support was amazing, the Grotto looked wonderful and they did us proud with the fund raising. They have also since raised a further £45 by way of the collection tin and another raffle. A letter of thanks will be given to Matthew to pin up to thank the members of the community for their kind support. As you know time did not allow Ben Honeybone to take a DVD of the event but he very kindly took still photos, if anyone would like to receive a copy of these please let me know and I will e mail them to you.. I have not as yet received feed back from Deborah, but I will ask her for her comments and hopefully will be able to report to you at the meeting.

Everyone received an intermediate report on how successful the Fair was in raising funds but Ann will let us have the actual financial outcome of the event.

FUNDING AND LOCALITY FUNDING

Locality Funding of £1,000 has been approved once again to enable us to purchase plants etc for the 2010 Planting and Clean-up Days which is excellent.

REPLACEMENT OF ISLAND BED

As you know it was hoped to be able to replace the existing island bed with the new planter/seat version before Christmas, this was approved by the members last year. However, the weather has curtailed this exercise but it is hoped to be able to have this put in place when the weather improves.

AREA CLEAN UPS/LONDON IN BLOOM

If we wish to take part in London in Bloom this year we need to agree dates for both the clean-up day, sometime in mid March, and also the planting day in May. An additional clean-up day will also need to be agreed prior to LIB judging which is scheduled for July. The London Borough of Lewisham have confirmed they would wish FUSS to partner them again in this event. The RHS have asked for an entry fee of £20 but the Trustees for London in Bloom have agreed that Neighbourhoods can make a donation, we need to agree on an amount.

With regard to window boxes, it would appear that all the window boxes in situ for 2009 were maintained very well so perhaps we could agree to replant those boxes again for 2010. I am hopeful that Lewisham would offer their help with the taking down and replacing of the window boxes on planting day. As you know we have always had the expert help of Martin & Jim from Lewisham on the day so once the date has been agreed I will request John Thompson to diarise the date to book Martin & Jim for their help this year.

AGM

It has already been agreed that the AGM will follow on immediately after the meeting which is to be held on the 13th April. We need to confirm what we wish to do with regard to refreshments for this event, bearing in mind we will be using The Station Hotel facilities.

AOB

ECO STREETS – (A London Borough of Lewisham Initiative)

Joe Kingston who is the Waste Initiatives and Prevention Officer for the London Borough of Lewisham is hoping to put together a Resident Steering Group. The purpose of the project would be to work out practical methods for residents to carry out measures to save energy, reduce waste and increase recycling.

I have tabled information received to date. If you would be interested in joining the board please contact Joe on one of the telephone numbers listed.

PEOPLES DAY

No news has been received with regard to this event. It maybe members would wish to forego this event and partake in the Manor House Gardens event as last year.

HGCA

I have been advised by the Hither Green Community Assoc that they will be holding their event again in May this year. It was very successful last year, would the members confirm if they wish to have a FUSS presence. If you wish to have a stall I will make the initial booking with Chris Freed

FUSS FUN NIGHT 23 JANUARY 2010

I understand that the event was a huge success, thanks and congratulations should go to Ann Bligh, Arlette Dunn, David Lewis and John, and indeed everyone who was involved with the organisation of the evening. Thanks must also go to Matthew and his Team for all their help in making the event such a success.

RETIRING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kathy Gasson (Chair) and Ann Kashmiri (Vice Chair) will be retiring at this year's AGM and do not wish to stand for re-election. If any member feels they would wish to be selected for either of these posts would they please let Kathy know as soon as possible. It is most important that we continue in our efforts to care for Staplehurst Road, and to ensure that the community is still able to enjoy what they have now become accustomed to.

Any items under this heading please contact Kathy Gasson on kathy.gasson@virgin.net

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