

FUSS

Friends & Users of Staplehurst Road Shops

MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR 19 MAY 2009

Meeting Attendees: Kathy Gasson (Chair) Brian Gasson, Ann Kashmiri (Vice Chair/Secretary), Elaine Hayter, Iain Khan Gilchrist, Stephen Boyle & Aisie Koroma

Apologies sent: Jim Mallory, Hazel Savill, Deborah Efemini & Pauline Beck

BANNERS AND CHRISTMAS FAIR

Kathy reported that she had heard nothing from either Chloe or Alice with regard to their submission of a further application. All present agreed that we will be unable to make banners for this Summer, and that it would be difficult anyway to pursue it as a joint venture. The main reason being that FUSS recently had their application turned down, so a further submission in our name would not be possible. Iain offered to speak to the art teachers at Northbrook School at some stage in the future with regard to a possible future banner project involving the older pupils.

FUND RAISING AT HITHER GREEN STATION

No further news had been received from Barry Denne with reference to a possible site or date for the above. It now will be too late for a fund raising event to be held in May, however, Kathy is still willing to consider this as a fund raising option and possibly holding the session in June.

AREA CLEAN UP AND PLANTING DAY

It was hoped that as many helpers as possible would join us on May 23rd. The plants have been ordered and Matthew Hassett, Manager of The Station (Pub) has kindly agreed that we can use his garden on the day for storage of the delivered items. As he may have a problem providing tables, DJ's have said they have some we can borrow. The planter, no longer wanted by 'Love Me Again' is to be used on the pavement at the bottom of the slope leading to Hither Green Station.

Kathy asked Steven Boyle if he felt the residents would wish to have a couple of planters outside of their building. He said he thought that was a very good idea and would get back to us as soon as he possibly could. The cost of the purchase of the planters was still to be finalised. Judging for London in Bloom is scheduled to take place between 6 – 17th July.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

HITHER GREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

We thoroughly enjoyed the fair which was run by HGCA. The tombola was a great success and raised £89.25. Additional fund raising was also carried out (amount as yet unknown) and we also endeavoured to raise the profile of FUSS.

QUIZ/MUSICAL EVENING

As we have still been unable to obtain costings for the Community Room at Lee Manor School it was suggested that September would now be a more realistic time to consider holding this event as it now is too late to try to hold it any earlier. Members present agreed with this suggestion

F.U.S.S. IN THE PARK – MANOR HOUSE GARDENS

Ann Bligh will be unable to attend this event. However, other members have agreed to attend and will take a gazebo and table for the day. We hope to be able to sell books and small items of bric-a-brac as well as carrying out fund raising and letting members of the community know what FUSS does for the area. We already have books stored in The Station (Pub) and will ask Matthew if it would be possible for members of the community to take any items of Bric-a-Brac they wish to donate so that he can store them in readiness for collection. Kathy will prepare a notice advertising for bric-a-brac items, the Notice will be put onto the FUSS Notice Board at the Station and also will be circulated to all supporters. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to have a Tombola at this event.

FUSS SUPPORTERS LIST

Members at the meeting requested that Kathy should issue –one final- e mail asking supporters if they still wished to support the FUSS group. A non response after one month would lead to deletion of their name from the list.

Date of Next Meeting: 18 August 2009

Many thanks to the Church of the Good Shepherd for their hospitality