

WALWORTH SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday 18th May 2022

by Zoom

- 1 **Present:** Amanda Sewell, Christine Tan, Diana Cochrane, Ellie Cook, Jim Beedell, James Hatts, Jeremy Leach (chair), Jordan Creed, Katharine Ford (The Cinema Museum), Liba Hoskin, Lise Magnollay, Cllr Naima Ali, Neil Crossfield, Norma Lawrence, Peta Steel, Richard Galpin, Roger Batchelor, Shelagh Kavanagh (minute taker), Steve Lancashire, Vince Brown, Jordan Creed (Community Southwark), Darret Tomlin.
- 2 **Matters arising from minutes of March 2022 meeting.**
 - a. H1 application by Lend Lease - There will be an in-person meeting at 28 Sutherland Square on 30th May 2022 at 6:30pm to discuss progress on objection.
 - b. Local List: Southwark Council are developing the local list of heritage buildings that are of local significance and plan to propose buildings to go on it in summer, after which there will be three-month consultation.
- 3 **Walworth Hustings – review and next steps – Jordan Creed from Community Southwark**
 - a. JC gave suggestions on how to follow up the issues raised at the hustings.
 - b. JC listed events being organised by Community Southwark
 - i. June 6th at URC Church in Camberwell Green, a session on how to influence councillors
 - ii. June 18th youth workshops
 - iii. 6th or 7th July with Southwark Law Centre on how to use the law in campaigning
 - c. Some reported that those watching hustings on Zoom could not hear the councillors clearly. It was agreed to investigate ways of improving production of mixed face-to face/ Zoom meetings.
- 4 **Draft Code of Conduct.**
 - a. An initial discussion stressed that the purpose of a code of conduct is to encourage more people to feel they can contribute to the meeting.
 - b. Action: All to read and send comments to Jeremy/Vince.
- 5 **Cinema Museum Update, Katherine Ford**
 - a. KF reported that The Cinema Museum (TCM) now has a long-term future with a legally binding agreement with the landlords. There is a 4-year lease with an option to obtain a 999-year lease but TCM needs to raise £1 million for that. But in addition, they will need to raise about £7 million for repairs and upkeep but KF is hopeful to raise the money for the lease by April 2023.
- 6 **Walworth Heritage Action Zone, Ellie Cook**
 - a. Ellie is covering for Stephanie Ostrich who is on maternity leave and will be in post for a year. She will soon be meeting with DC and NC to continue the work already started by SO.
 - b. Re the Local list, JL said that groups are interested in nominating buildings and DC offered to take Ellie on a walk around Walworth to show her buildings of interest.
 - c. JB raised issue of phone box in Browning St. This is in a conservation area and phone box is being damaged, he asked EC to look at this. Others

mentioned other phone boxes including JH who highlighted the grade II listed phone box at the corner of Westminster Bridge Road and St George's Road which also needs significant repair. The meeting felt that there may be a wider conversation needed for the council to have with BT about the condition of a number of boxes in the area.

7 Walworth Stories

- a. NC reported that he and DC continue with research and Susie Barson from Historic England is happy with the progress of the project.

8 Planning matters

- a. 31 Amelia St\corner of Crampton St (22/AP/0850): Development to build student flats on current Reed offices has receive 69 written objections and only 2 comments in favour. Now the elections are over, WS will work out how to present objections to the planning committee.
- b. Flint St is an important building on corner of Elsted St and Flint St, plan is to convert to 7 flats (22/AP/0725).
- c. Shop in Fielding St – proposal to remove a roller shutter and replace the shopfront (22/AP/1301).

9 AOB.

- a. DC reminded all of plant swap in St Peters Garden on Saturday 11-1pm
- b. NC invited all to attend event at Clubland to commemorate 100 years of organisation. On Saturday from 1pm to about 4:30pm
- c. NL said Southwark Pensioners are having a meeting to look at the rules governing council v private landlords particularly with regarding work needing to be done as tenants age or as they become infirm.
- d. RB notified the meeting that there will be no Open Studios at Pullens Yard this summer.
- e. AS notified meeting of the North Walworth Safer Neighbourhood meeting on Wednesday 20h July at 6pm.
- f. JL welcomed Cllr Ali to meeting and congratulated her on being elected as a local Councillor in the recent elections.

Next meeting Wednesday 22nd June 7pm by Zoom