



West London River Group

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Calling Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the West London River Group will be held on Monday 22Nd May 2023 at 18.30hrs, 6.30pm

The meeting will be held by Zoom and joining instructions will be circulated in due course.

This Notice is to call for any person who wishes to be proposed to join the current officers, who have indicated their agreement to continue in office. Any nomination to be made to the joint chairs, Avril Dalglish email: avedalGLISH@gmail.com to Philip Whyte email: info@westlondonrivergroup.org

Agenda

1. To receive advice of those attending and the group represented and to receive apologies
- 2 To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th May 2022. Following.
- 3 To respond to any questions arising.
- 4 To receive the Chair's report and to respond to questions arising.
- 5 To advise of the progress of the appointment of the new Co-ordinator of the TSKC.
- 6 To receive the Treasurers report.
- 7 To confirm the Officers who are willing to continue in office.
- 8 To propose and confirm any new members to the Executive.
- 9 Any other business.

Representing: Barnes Community Action Group | Battersea Society | Bishop's Park Co-Ordinating Group | Cheyne Walk Trust | Fulham Society | Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group | Hurlingham Yacht Club | The Key Society | Thames21 | London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies. | Mortlake Community Association | Mortlake with East Sheen Society | Putney Society | Strand-on-the-Green Association | Thamesbank | University of London Boathouse | Wandsworth Society | William Morris Society

West London River Group
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held on Monday 16th May2022

At The Ranelagh Sailing Club Putney Embankment London SW15

Present: Avril Dalglish(Chair) Annabel Clarke(Hammersmith Historic Buildings Group) Clare Graham(Battersea) Ann Collins(Strand on the Green) Wayne Bellamy(RNLI) Venetia Harper(Kew)Ruth Hutton(Coordinator TSKC) Diana Roth(Towpath Group) Ann Mathews(Treasurer) Roger Weston(Bishop's Park)Philip Whyte(Wandsworth and vice chair)

Apologies for absence: Caroline Whitehead(Putney) Jane Nissen(Old Chiswick Protection) Angela Clarke(Hammersmith) Tim Catchpole(Barnes) Angela Dixon.

1. The Chair welcomed all those present.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting have been circulated and the Chair asked if there were any matters which needed to be picked up. As there were none, the Minutes of that meeting were proposed to be adopted by Diana Roth and seconded by Ann Mathews.
3. The Chair's report:

The Chair opened her report by stating that the Group has been concerned mainly with planning applications in the last twelve months. There is a "new" application for the Mortlake Brewery(Stag Brewery) although some changes have been made from the last application from the perspective of the WLRG, there does not appear to be much which is significantly different to that which was refused by The Mayor of London in the last application. The WLRG will be submitting an objection very largely on similar grounds as before. The date for submission of objections was the 29th May 2022. The application has been submitted to the Council's Design Review Panel, which should have been the case in 2018. The Panel indicated in its Report that the masterplan for the development feels slightly outdated and needs to follow the standards set through the London Plan. Further information on the background to this development and the various stages it has gone through including pro forma templates for objections can be found on mbcg.org.uk (Mortlake Brewery Community Group).

Although the works proposed for the CSOs(combined sewer outlets) by the Environment Agency along the Barnes towpath area have been delayed for a year, they have once again fallen foul of not meeting planning permission requirements. The proposed starting date was therefore delayed. Fortunately works are now in progress. The EA have further works planned along the River in Wandsworth, Chelsea and Battersea.

Officers of the Group have attended online and other presentations with the PLA including the meeting at the London Rowing Club. There was strong representation at the meeting from local rowing and sailing clubs as well as other riparian groups against any proposal by

Fulham Football Club for the development of a pier into the River. The PLA has stated that to date they have had no request for a River Works Licence.

Port of London Authority "Vision for the Future" for the River Thames in 2050 is divided into a number of key areas for developing and encouraging recreational use of the river and its environs. The Vision has been debated at a number of meetings during the past few months including/providing other opportunities for feedback. The PLA website has full details of the Vision.

Climate change continues to be a pressing concern including the health of the River. Flooding, inadequate drainage systems including issues with sewage and pollution are constant problems. The coming online of the Thames tunnel will alleviate some of these problems but they still remain of overall concern.

Diana Roth said that the new bridge by Barnes Rail bridge is behind programme and that the boathouse had been demolished with no application yet for the new facility.

The Chair confirmed that the native black poplars have been planted by Richmond Council along a stretch of the towpath between Putney and Barnes.

Ruth Hutton advised that an application for updating all the strategies along the River including The TSKC(Thames Strategy Kew to Chelsea) is now complete and is with the Regional Consultancy Flood Committee. The preparation of the report has been funded by the Environment Agency.

Ruth continued that she will continue her work for two days a week with financial support from various sources. Later in the meeting Roger Weston proposed that as the WLRG has a small surplus of funds that Ruth should be provided with £500 towards her costs. This was seconded by Venetia Harper.

Ruth's full report has been circulated with the newsletter.

Roger Weston asked Ruth how she was getting on with the Councils since the elections. Early days but Ruth has kept the provisional date for the next Strategy meeting on the calendar.

Roger Weston advised that a new surface to the footpath in Bishop's Park has been provided which is porous and appears to be satisfactory.

5. The Treasurer has circulated the accounts for the period up to 5th April 2022 and wished to clarify that the item "unpresented cheques" on the accounts have now been presented and cleared through the WLRG bank. The Chair asked if there were any questions, as there were none, the accounts were proposed and seconded by two members present, the accounts were then adopted.

Applications for subscriptions for the current year commencing May 2022 will be sent out with these Minutes.

6. Election of Officers. Those standing have been circulated, the Chair advised the meeting that she did not wish to stand again but would be prepared to continue jointly with Philip Whyte who has agreed. The other officers have confirmed their willingness to continue. As

there were no other nominations, the nominations were proposed by Ann Mathews and seconded by Diana Roth, the meeting agreed nem con.

7. Questions from members.

Roger Weston advised that the new stand for the Fulham Football Club seating 2000 persons will be in use for the new season. The riverside park will not be completed until summer 2023 and as the main contractor is behind programme Bishops Park will continue to be used.

Wayne Bellamy, Safety Officer RNLI, agreed that the possibility of the new pier is remote, as the RNLI are statutory consultees and would voice the view that the pier would create a hazard to navigation and a danger to other river users.

The Chair commented on the Tideway Tunnel and advised that this is not due for completion and use until 2024. A question was asked about effluent pollution, when complete much of this will be dealt with by the tunnel but overspills from further upstream than the tunnel's western end will still occur. The treatment plant at Twickenham (Mogden works) has had many spills in recent years.

8. Any other business.

Philip Whyte made a comment (plea!) that he would like help with the website as it needed updating. Wayne Bellamy said that other media are currently much more appropriate such as Instagram, Facebook etc. HELP please from whatever direction!!

Diana Roth cheered the meeting at the end by saying that the long awaited and long promised towpath tree survey and management plan is ready consultation.

The meeting closed at about 8.15pm

Thanks to the Ranelagh Club for the use of their premises.

Philip Whyte

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