

# Mortlake Brewery Community Group

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 13 June at 7.30pm at the Ship

Present: Robert Orr Ewing (chair), Francine Bates (Secretary), Tim Barker, Tim Catchpole, Avril Dalglish, David Deaton, Helen Deaton, Peter Eaton, Ann Hewitt, Andrew Howard-Smith, Mel Le Vesconte, Helen Marshall, Ann Nickson, Diana Roth, Kate Woodhouse

Apologies: June Beedham, Josh Bottomley, Shaun Lamplough, Amanda Letch, Una O'Brien, Howard Potter, Stephen Robinson, Suz Sainty, Cathy Tilley

## 1 Minutes of the meeting on 10 May 2016

These were agreed subject to the following changes:

Item 3, last para: add 'of London' after Mayor

Item 4: delete last sentence

Item 5: line 2 add 'on the riverside is higher than four storeys' after No building

Para add 'and EA' after PLA

## 2 Matters arising and action points not covered elsewhere There were none

## 3 Update from Committee

### Developers

Peter Eaton reported on the meeting he, Tim Catchpole and Una O'Brien had with the architects, planning advisors and Guy Duckworth, the developers' representative on 11 May. The notes from this meeting are attached. Peter had just returned from holiday and so has not had a recent update, but he will be in touch with them by email.

In summary, Peter was encouraged by the meeting and felt that the architects are anxious to work with the community, to take note of the history of Mortlake and to deliver a sympathetic development for the area. It is early days, but Peter emphasised the importance of keeping in touch with the architects to be sure that local views are heard before they do too much work. He suggested workshop sessions over the summer with several small groups from the community and the architects conferring at an early stage in the design. Squires, the architects, prefer to work directly with the community, not via a public relations company.

### Community engagement consultants

Francine Bates and Kate Woodhouse met with Rowan Cole from Soundings, the community engagement firm appointed by the developers. Rowan had only been working on the project for a few days. He emphasised that he works independently of the developer. He is working on a strategy which will be ready shortly, it will outline his plans for September – December. Rowan will be at Mortlake Fair on 25 June and will welcome meeting people.

Rowan usually works with a community liaison group, similar to MBCG. He thought it would be possible to liaise with MBCG rather than set up a new group. It was agreed that he should be invited to the next meeting and that we should send him our Terms of Reference. It was agreed that representatives from the Barnes Community Association and the Kew Society should also be invited.

**Action** Francine

### Councillor meeting

Robert Orr Ewing, Francine Bates, Shaun Lamplough and Kate Woodhouse met with Cllrs Paul Avon and Richard Martin. The meeting was not particularly informative as the councillors did not have any information about the rationale behind the proposal for a new secondary school, how the finances would work or the implications for traffic. The MBCG emphasised that a decision about the proposed school is pivotal to progress on the project. The two Councillors agreed to seek further information from their colleagues and get back to the Group.

### **Proposal to set up a school topic group**

Una O'Brien has undertaken to lead this, she has already spoken to a community governor at Richmond Park Academy and has plans to speak to other interested parties. There are important questions about the assumption that the brewery site is the right place for a new secondary school and the resulting implications for housing density. **Action** Una

### **4 (Other) updates from Topic Leads**

**Transport** – Peter Brett has been appointed as consultants. Howard Potter is planning to meet them soon. **Action** Howard

**History** – Helen Deaton has contacted the Museum of London to offer help and support with archaeology

**Environment** – The TPOs are in place permanently so the developers will need permission to cut down any trees on the Lower Richmond Road.

**Planning/Communications/Thamesbank** – Nothing to report

### **5 Mortlake Fair Saturday 25 June – representations/actions**

The MBCG will be at the MCA stand Fair to speak. All support welcome.

### **6 Website/Facebook**

David Deaton reported that he has built a website for MBCG but that it is not yet live. He has put on information about the Group, its TOR, committees and people to contact. Peter suggested he contact St Helen's Residents' Association, a successful similar group who had a useful website. It was agreed that minutes of meetings would be available on request, dates of meetings put on the website. The domain will cost £60 which can probably be funded by the MCA or MESS.

Andrew Howard-Smith started a Streetlife entry which elicited many comments, many irrelevant. He had also set up a Facebook page if needed but this was not live. It was agreed to just have a website for now as an outward facing website designed to inform the community but Helen Marshall who runs the Facebook and Twitter accounts for The Ship can give advice on how to utilise social media more widely.

**Action** Kate and Tim will seek financial contributions for the domain. David, Andrew and Helen will meet to discuss linkage between website and Facebook.

### **7 Boat Race House**

There have been 66 objections so far, the site is still open for more. Peter has not been able to speak to the planning department, they will only speak to the developers or their agents. Peter stressed the importance of securing more objections. There is no date yet for the planning committee but it was suggested by Peter that the Group should have a pre-meeting beforehand and attend the Planning Committee as a formal delegation. **Action** Peter to keep watching brief and details of Planning Committee date to be circulated

### **8 Dates of future meetings**

Mondays 18 July, 19 September, 17 October, 21 November all at 7.30pm at the Ship, with thanks to Helen and the Ship for their hospitality.