**NEVERN SQUARE CONSERVATION AREA**

**RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION AGM**

**MINUTES**

**Monday April 15, 2019**

**1. APOLOGIES**

1. With attendance and apologies counted, the meeting was declared quorate and called to order by Chair, Linda Wade.
2. Accounts –Statement of Balances of £2598.70 at 1 February 2019. This includes £1400 held in trust for the gardens at 45-46 Warwick Road.
3. Elections – The following were approved as members of the Committee: Jonathan Arrowood from Spear Mews and Caroline Ellis from Nevern Road.
4. Waste – Andrew Almond, Gary O’Hagan and John-Paul Ramsey (RBKC) attending
* Andrew Almond explained that the departments resources are limited but the commitment to street sweeping is considered crucial. There are some 120 sweepers in the southern part of the borough alone.
* AirBnB continues to be a problem with renters and cleaners dumping bags on the pavement. Linda Wade and Mr Ramsey will meet again with City Relay (who provide cleaning services to most AirBnBs in the area), with a view to educating cleaners and owners.
* Paladins were requested (again) for the end of Warwick Rd beside the telephone boxes and the officers agreed to investigate.
* The lack of rubbish bins and pole mounted receptacles was uniformly highlighted as a cause for much rubbish. The council has resisted more bins on the theory that it would encourage more litter. The assembled felt this was not applicable to an area like Earls Court with all of its food and drink outlets.
* One resident proposed a campaign to make Earls Court a ‘litter free zone”, and while attendees were broadly supportive, it was pointed out that this presupposed more bins.
* The removal of rubbish bins from Nevern Square Garden was criticized, particularly as it was done without consultation. The direct result is more litter in the surrounding areas. Linda Wade and the officers will communicate with the trustees of the garden to seek reversal of this action.
* The NSCARA waste survey was completed by 137 residents and Linda Wade and the officers will examine the feedback. There is general and increasing frustration with the litter problem.
* Takeaway food in general and Jollybee in particular were highlighted as major causes of litter. It was agreed residents need to push for more aggressive enforcement against these establishments. The council is viewed as too passive.
1. Earls Court Exhibition Centre Report Back
* Despite the request for an update from CapCo, none was forthcoming.
1. Police Report Back
* PCs were unable to attend so no update was provided.
1. Maintaining the Conservation Area Look
* Linda Wade asked for gardening volunteers to help maintain the raised boxes on Cromwell Road.
* There was discussion of the planning application for a billboard on the side the Rymans building at the end of Trebovir Road. All were opposed and were encouraged to object formally on the RBKC website.
* CCTV - is considered effective in deterring anti social and some criminal behavior. NSCARA has a master license for CCTV so other buildings may display the obligatory signs using NSCARA details.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.