

DRAFT Broomfield Home-owners and Residents Association. Annual General Meeting.
Tuesday 17th April 2012. 7.30pm-9.30pm. Broomfield School, Wilmer Way.

Apologies. David Burrowes MP

Between 80-90 people present including Cllrs Brett, Georgiou and Sitkin.

First half of meeting Chaired by Gillian Yeung, second half chaired by Caroline Chenier.

Treasurers Report. The Chair, Gillian Yeung, explained that the previous treasurer has now left the area and the job has passed to Jack Yeung who is going through the paperwork. Accounts will be available at the next meeting.

Membership Report. New Membership Secretary, Caroline Chenier, encouraged people to join the association.

Social Media Report. Paul Forsyth high-lighted that the association now has a Facebook page and is putting together a website.

Association Secretary, Laura Davenport asked people to consider joining the committee or becoming an area co-ordinator. People could come to speak to us at the end of the meeting.

Police report. Sergeant Lorna Taylor thanked the association for the police bike it has purchased for the safer neighbourhood team. She went on to outline crime levels in Bowes Ward and Southgate Green Ward. Operation Enzo was put in place to try and reduce burglaries, includes plain clothes cars in the area. It was pointed out that there are fewer PCSOs in the area at the moment, a number of them have gone on to train as Met police officers and have yet to be replaced. Due to lack of PCSOs, Neighbourhood Watch meetings are also on hold.

Speeding on Warwick Road. Traffic on Warwick Road has increased since the 'no left turn' has been implemented at the A406 Brownlow Rd junction. The speed cushions do not slow down traffic. Traffic drives down the middle of the road and straddle the cushions. The meeting was told that the cushions were chosen by residents but one resident pointed out that they didn't realise how ineffective cushions would be. Resident said that speed tables would be more effective. Cllr Sitkin acknowledged the problem and said that it was a funding issue. He suggested people get involved with Community Speed Watch. Resident requested, could the police monitor speed. Sergeant Taylor said that she would put this back on the ward agenda. Resident pointed out traffic can be so heavy on Warwick Road that it's almost impossible for pedestrians to cross.

Cllr Sitkin said that he would try and mitigate the problems, there is a lorry ban and signage is on its way. A pedestrian crossing is needed for this road, Bowes Ward has £103,000 in its Residents Priority Fund, maybe this should be considered for funding.

Pymmes Road. Resident informed police that he has been monitoring anti-social behaviour along the alley (runs from Pymmes up to Bounds Green Rd along-side of railway line), includes dealing and taking drugs. Police to follow up.

Presentation.Palmers Green Improving Our Place (IOP). Karl Brown. Karl outlined how initially Fox Lane Residents Association worked closely with councillors on a 20mph scheme and got funding from Transport for London but a specific councillor decided not to sign off the scheme. People are now looking a second time at improving the area but not restricting it just to traffic. We can already see how people are getting involved in local initiatives including Broomfield Orchards 150 volunteers, conservatory being brought back into use by volunteers, more people getting involved in the Big Lunch. The IOP team are producing reports which detail what people want for the area, how to improve the town centre. Funding is often an issue but both TfL and the GLA have money available.

Palmers Greenery, a café for Broomfield Park. Sarah Cotton. Sarah presented the idea of a community led kiosk with outdoor eating in the dolls house toilets (toilets rarely open, close to tennis courts). The kiosk would sell good quality tea, coffee, healthy snacks and would be run by volunteers. The Palmers Greenery is backed by the Palmers Green Councillors and they have

applied for Residents Priority Funding. They aim to be open by September 2012. Resident thanked Sarah for all her hard work to date. Resident asked about capital funding and on-going finance. Also pointed out safety issue, park is open at night. Sarah and team have this in hand. At end of meeting someone came forward to talk with Sarah about further funding ideas. The kiosk will be open all days except when it rains.

Broomfield House update. Roger Blows.Enfield Council continue to pursue the idea of housing for the House and stable area. There is a meeting 8th May, Civic Centre, to collect ideas of what to have in the house. Community tends to lean away from housing in the House/park. Funding continues to be the stumbling block. Restoration is estimated at £3m with an annual running cost of around of around £100,000pa. Resident asked councillors to find out for us how much, in the past 5 years, has been spent on other places of historic interest in the borough, eg Forty Hall and Myddleton House. Cllr Brett will come back to us with some answers.

North Circular Road. Cllr Brett. Things are moving in the right direction, land along A406 is being cleared but shops are having problems due to the red lines painted in the loading bays. Bark chippings that are part of the vegetation landscaping are causing a mess on the pavements and bus stops need to be sited in safe and convenient places. There is a lot of noise coming off the road, it is thought that inferior quality material was used.

Accidents along Telford Rd. Since the new road layout along Telford Rd (A406) there have been at least 20 accidents when cars turn off A406 into the residential side roads. Despite numerous residents writing to TfL, Boris Johnson and others nothing has changed. A review process needs to be put in place, assessing how the scheme is working out and making changes where necessary. Cllrs said that they would address this.

Corner of Powys Lane.Mast, fencing, greenery, fumes, pollution. Are there new air monitors in the area and if so where are they and what are the readings? Cllr Sitkin said that the road is a work in progress.

Pinkham Way/North London Waste Plan. Bowes Cllrs will continue to oppose the proposed Pinkham Way plant and will speak at the final meeting (June) and challenge on the grounds of air quality. Our air quality is already poor and can't take any more.

Ernie Chinnick pointed out that TfL and Notting Hill Housing Trust have all ignored what we wanted. They all talk about investment and improvement but the only growth in the area is estate agent boards as people start to leave the area.

Cllr Brett agreed and said that we have elections shortly and we had the opportunity to change things.

Trees in Broomfield School are over hanging Powys lane and have not been cut back for many years.

Notting Hill Housing Trust tenants.Tenants are being treated very badly by Notting Hill carrying out work slowly and by the workmen involved who show little respect for the homes they are working in. Workmanship is of a poor quality.

Area Action Plan, pre-submission stage failed to take into account the impact the Pinkham Way Plant would have on the area. Cllr Godard at other public meetings has said that this is because the plant is in Haringey and that an AAP can only look at the borough it sits in. It was pointed out by a resident that the AAP does mention other boroughs when examining educational options.

Resident made it clear that all the consultations that take place fail to engage the majority.