

# Blackhorse Action Group Organising Committee

## MINUTES OF MEETING on 9 March 2010

### PRESENT

#### Organising Committee Members \*\*

Sue Grant – Secretary

Peter Harms – Planning & Development Lead

Chloe Herington – Sustainability Lead 2

Michael Leigh – Treasurer

Nuria Rodrigues – Sustainability Lead 1

#### Ordinary Members

Irina Hoss (*min 6 confirms co-option to be a General Member of the Committee*)

#### Guest

Clare Coghill (*Min 4 refers*)

#### \*\*Organising Committee Members not present

Mohammed Chaudhri – General Member of Organising Committee

Neil Meads – Webmaster (*apologies received*)

Peter Taylor – General Member of Organising Committee

Simon Thomas – Communications Lead

### Action

#### 1. To elect a Chair for the meeting

There was currently no elected or co-opted BAG Chair. Irina Hoss was unanimously elected to Chair the meeting.

#### 2. Welcome and introductions

Organising Committee members present confirmed their status as noted above. Clare Coghill was attending as a guest – *Min 3 refers*.

#### 3. To confirm minutes of previous meeting – 12 January 2010

**Confirmed:** The minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. **Action:** Secretary to forward to Webmaster for posting on website.

**Secretary**

#### 4. Yoga Group

Clare Coghill presented an outline of plans to apply for funding and establish a yoga class at the Douglas Eyre Playing Fields.

**Agreed:** That BAG support this initiative by setting up a Yoga Sub-Group and enabling the sub-group to receive and disburse funds as required via the BAG bank account.

**Action:** Treasurer to receive confirmation from Clare Coghill of a current BAG member who could act as Yoga Sub-Group lead and provide reports to the BAG Committee.

**Treasurer**

- Action**
5. **Matters arising from mins of 12 Jan 2010** unless taken elsewhere on Agenda
- 5.1 **Bank Account** (*Min 4.1 of 12 Jan meeting referred*)  
 The Treasurer confirmed an account had been set up with the Co-operative Bank.  
**Action:** Treasurer to (a) ensure funds currently still held by FRP (Forest Recycling Project) are transferred and then – (b) settle outstanding payment still due to OrganicLea and (c) reimburse Nuria Rodrigues, Neil Meads and Caroline Molloy for expenditure made on behalf of BAG. **Treasurer**
- Action:** Treasurer to obtain from predecessor records of all financial transactions to date. **Treasurer**
- 5.2 **Library campaign** (*Min 4.2 of 12 Jan meeting referred*)  
 Noted that Voluntary Action Waltham Forest had submitted a bid which had not taken account of BAG advice and offer to co-operate – and the bid had failed.  
**Action:** To be an item for discussion at the next meeting. **Secretary**
- 5.3 **Constitution on website** (*Min 5.1 of 12 Jan meeting referred*)  
 Confirmed that the amended and reformatted constitution is now on the BAG website.
- 5.4 **Community Noticeboard** (*Min 8.1 of 12 Jan meeting referred*)  
 Confirmed that the noticeboard would be on the railings at the Edward Road/Coppermill Lane junction. There had been no further contact from LBWF – eg no confirmation of organisation of ‘keyholders’.
- 5.5 **Training** (*Min 8.2.1 of 12 Jan meeting referred*)  
**Action:** Irina Hoss to send an email to all Organising Committee Members outlining the training she can offer – and to propose this be an ‘awayday’ event at the Debden House campsite. **Irina Hoss**
- Action:** Committee Members to contact Michael Leigh if they wish to receive training on how to use GoogleDocs. **All Cttee Mbrs to note**
- Action:** Discussion of training and how best to organise posting items on the BAG website to be on the Agenda for the next meeting. **Secretary and Webmaster**
6. **Membership of Organising Committee** (*Min 5.2 of 12 Jan meeting referred*)  
**Confirmed:** Co-option of Irina Hoss as a General Member of the Organising Committee.  
**Action:** Michael Leigh (Treasurer) to contact Simon Thomas to confirm if he is still committed to being Communications Lead. **Treasurer**
- Noted:** The Committee currently lacks a Chair and Membership Secretary.
7. **Consulting residents re BAG activities**  
**Action:** To be an Agenda item for the next meeting to formulate a strategy for consulting BAG residents. Meanwhile, ... **Secretary**
- Action:** Michael Leigh (Treasurer) to identify signed-up members who do not wish to/are unable to receive emails. **Treasurer**
8. **Civic Society – invitation** (*Appendix to Agenda referred*)  
**Action:** Sue Grant (Secretary) to contact Civic Society to ask if she could attend the next ‘walkabout’ to learn more and then determine what BAG might be able to offer. **Secretary**

9. **Garden and food-growing projects** (*Min 7 of 12 Jan meeting referred*)
- 9.1 **O-Regen**  
There was no report.
- 9.2 **Local Food Fund**  
Progressing this application was dependent on the Capital Growth funded business plan. *See Min 9.3.*
- 9.3 **Capital Growth**  
**Action:** Sue Grant (Secretary) to write notes of the meeting on 23 February at which Caroline Molloy had been appointed as Project Worker – and to circulate the notes to those attending the meeting and to Nuria Rodriguez. **Secretary**  
**Action:** Nuria Rodriguez (Sustainability Lead 1) to then progress the application for funding. **Sustainability Lead 1**
- 9.4 **Community garden – food growing**  
Nuria Rodriguez reported there would be a networking event at the Hornbeam Centre on 26 March.  
Chloe Herington had learned of availability of a free wormery and water butt and had contacts who could contribute skills and/or training relating to willow weaving and bee keeping.
10. **BioRegional Proposal – Workshops**  
**Agreed:** This would not be progressed.
11. **Street party in Edward Road in 2010**  
**Proposed by:** Irina Hoss.  
**Agreed:** To commit to organising a street party in 2010.  
**Action:** Sue Grant (Secretary) to (a) contact LBWF to request information about how to arrange street closure and (b) draft a leaflet for canvassing Edward Road residents. **Secretary**  
**Action:** Chloe Herington (Sustainability Lead 2) to consult contacts in Stoke Newington and provide information/guidance. **Sustainability Lead 2**
12. **Any other business**
- 12.1 **Coppermill Playground extension**  
**Action:** Secretary to invite Peter Harms to send an email to all Organising Committee Members outlining his views. **Secretary**
- 12.2 **Fundraising for BAG**  
Confirmed that funds were required to meet costs of general activity.  
**Action:** Chloe Herington to consult contacts and then report on possibility of a fundraising event at The Plough (Wood Street). **Sustainability Lead 2**
- 12.3 **Neighbourhood Watch**  
It had been hoped to foster co-operative links, but, to date there had been no response from the local co-ordinator.

- 13. Next meeting**  
**Date and time** 11 May 2010, 7.30pm  
**Host/venue:** tbc