

THE FRIENDS OF BELHAM
meeting

The FOB AGM was held on 23rd November 2016. 38 members attended.

Sonia Case opened the meeting and spoke briefly. She said that members should not be concerned if FOB was not immediately spending the money that it was raising as there would be many demands on it from the school when it moved into the new building.

She gave examples of how the sister organisation at Dulwich Hamlets spends its funds: equipment for the school's cookery room; a trip to E. Dulwich Picture House; £10,000 to re-develop their garden; Ipads, robotics and musical instruments.

Chris Newman reported on the activities that FOB had organised during the year: cake sales; social events; facepainting; kids' discos; coffee mornings; the Peckham walk; a pub quiz. He spoke of the Xmas Fayre which would be a 'big' event. Communication, he said, was through Belham Buzz, the school website and Facebook.

Sophie Arden said that during the year FOB had raised £4,700 before costs. So far, it had spent £800 to pay towards play equipment for the school garden.

Roger Ede reminded members that FOB was governed by the PTA-UK model constitution and was a registered charity. All the meetings were minuted and those minutes, together with the FOB accounts could be found on the school's website.

In accordance with the constitution, the officers of the committee (and class reps) were elected for 12 months:

Chair	Chris Newman (Poplin and Felt)
Vice Chair	Michael Sharman (Cotton)
Treasurer	Sophie Arden (Cotton)
Secretary	Roger Ede (Poplin)

Three other committee members (and class reps) were also elected for 12 months:

Alessia Capone	(Poplin)
Kathryn Phillips	(Linen)
Jo Harding	(Wool)

Other members of FOB volunteered to be class representatives:

Ginnie Kelly (Bridgstock)	(Cotton)
Anna Herzberg	(Cotton)
Fiona Walden (Houston)	(Cotton)
Georgia Brown	(Linen)
Michelle Hardy	(Felt)
Giles Hardy	(Felt)
Patrick Murray	(Felt)
Patricia Rocha	(Poplin and Felt)
Valerie Couillard	(Wool)

Chloe Cubitt (Wool)
Abbie Smith (Wool)

The class representatives were told that they had a standing invitation to attend and take a full part in all committee meetings, except where their participation was limited by the terms of the constitution.

The next meeting is on 6 December 2016 at The Cherry Tree public house.