

THE FRIENDS OF BELHAM

Committee meeting

The committee of the FOB met on 26th September 2016 at the White Horse public house.

Members present:

Anna Herzberg

Roger Ede

Chris Newman

Alessia Capponi

Michael Sharman

Members were told that the Peckham walk had raised £80 and was described as “brilliant”.

A message from Sophie Ardern reported that FOB had £2,653.13 in their bank account.

Chris Newman proposed inviting parents/carers from the two new reception classes to volunteer as class representatives and they could then be co-opted as members of the FOB committee.

Roger Ede told members that an AGM must be held within 12 months of the adoption of the constitution on 24th November 2015. 21 clear days written notice of the AGM must be posted including the date, time, venue and an overview of the agenda. The AGM will be quorate when the number of members present is at least twice the number of FOB committee members (including co-opted members).

The FOB committee members must be elected each year at the AGM. Any member standing for election must be nominated, in writing by a member, to the chair before the meeting and seconded by another member. Other members can later be co-opted up to 50% of the total number of the elected committee members.

At the AGM, as well as electing the committee, the membership must receive the accounts and a report of the work of the committee.

At this meeting, the committee members present all said that they would be willing to stand again but were also willing to stand aside if the FOB membership chose to nominate and elect others to the committee instead.

The committee agreed that the AGM will be held at 8pm on Thursday 24th November. Julie Fahy will be asked if she can arrange for it to be held at the Peckham Liberal Club. Ways must be found to entice as many of the general membership as possible to attend.

The FOB pub social will take place on Thursday 29th September in the Prince Albert.

A coffee morning for year 1 and 2 parents/carers will be held at Andersons on Friday 30th September.

The cake sale will take place on Friday 14th October at both school locations and volunteers are needed for each site. Chris Newman said that proceeds from the cake sale could be used for toilet twinning. About £250 will buy a toilet block at a school overseas. Roger Ede reminded the committee that the constitution required funds raised by FOB to be used to “support the school and advance the education of the pupils.” Chris said that toilet twinning could be used by the teaching staff to support the children’s learning and help the children to be outward looking.

A further children’s disco will be organised. With an enlarged school, it could be held at the Peckham Liberal Club at 4pm, after school, in November or December.

Christmas trees will be on sale for collection on 10th December. The Dulwich Hamlet’s Christmas trees supplier will be approached so that the two schools can buy together and get a better deal by buying in volume.

A Christmas Fayre will be held on 10th December. It could be held in the Copelstone church Hall and also use the school garden across the road from the Hall. Stalls suggested: cakes; Santa’s Grotto; Christmas cards produced by the children through the school; tea and coffee; mulled wine (licence needed?); how many sweets in the jam jar; nearly new books and toys; golden ticket raffle; tombola.

Volunteers are required and could be invited to the next FOB committee meeting.

The next meeting of the FOB committee is on Tuesday 1st November in the White Horse public house.