

WALWORTH SOCIETY MEETING
7.00pm – 1 June 2017: Flint's Theatrical Chandlers, 39 Queen's Row,
Walworth, SE17.

ITEM	COMMENTS
<p>WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS.</p>	<p>Jeremy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Ben for hosting us at Flints.</p> <p>Attendees: Jeremy Leach (Chair); Marek Drewicz (Secretary); Norma Lawrence (Vice Chair); Jim Beedell; John Whelan; Vincent Brown; Jenny Jefferis; Grit Eckert; Louise Calf; S. Bailey; Diana Cochrane; Chris Campbell (LB Southwark); James Price (LB Southwark); Anne Roache; Catriona Sinclair; Gary Malloy; Tim McNamara; Richard Galpin; Kevin Williamson; Neil Lancaster; Steve Lancashire; Susan Hayes; Andrew Sawdon; Robert Zammit-Pace; Peter Cooke.</p> <p>Apologies: Apologies were received from: Neil Coyle MP; Peta Steel; Cllr Eleanor Kerlake; Toby Eckersley; Christine Tan; David West.</p>
<p>1. Follow up to previous meeting</p>	<p>There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.</p>
<p>2. Liverpool Grove</p>	<p>There was a presentation from James and Chris about the work with the Project Centre and their 2 design proposals for Liverpool Grove. It's understood that there isn't currently any funding allocated to implementing a scheme.</p> <p>NL asked why there wasn't any S106 funding given the great number of developments taking place in the area.</p> <p>JB raised concern about businesses spilling out onto paved areas. Also raised concerns over the quality of the work that might be done if Conways were appointed as the previous work hasn't aged well. In contrast, the public realm work at E&C seems to have worked a lot better.</p> <p>Catriona asked about the parking use and the trees. It is understood the spaces are mainly residential use as part of a CPZ. It was suggested the designs were indicative and open to debate.</p> <p>DC noted that the message needs to be given that the street is residential. Also suggested the simpler option looked better as it didn't obscure the Church. There needs to be conversation with Father Andrew and the ambitions to remove railings etc.</p> <p>JL suggested a dialogue needed with local councillors on taking the project forward.</p>

<p>3. Community Growing</p>	<p>JL mentioned the community growing project and the funding bid to United St Saviours. Vince talked to the group about the origins and aims of the project. There have been a lot of small different projects that have started and then dwindled. There is an aim to create a central group to find out what projects are going on and to provide support and resilience to these smaller projects as well as encourage new groups.</p> <p>Debora mentioned she had been treasurer of a local allotment association and that she empathised with the ambitions of the group and would be very supportive of the idea. Also noted a larger group could help fight future development threats to these spaces.</p> <p>JW supported the idea from a health and welfare perspective.</p> <p>JB noted Luke Miller's work at Nursery Row and suggested the value of tying in with existing networks.</p> <p>RG supported the plan and suggested the value of pooling of volunteers across groups and projects.</p> <p>KW suggested a conference could be held at the Garden Farm and noted the courses that are run there, suggesting it might be possible to host some bespoke training. Also he mentioned that Lendlease do get involved on occasion, for example on an annual staff day, and are worth contacting.</p> <p>Catriona referenced the recent 'Growfest' and relevant contact points. Also noted the Southwark Green Forum.</p>
<p>4. Royal Mail</p>	<p>JL mentioned that a further meeting was held with Royal Mail to discuss Sorting Office and Post Office proposals. It's understood that parcels will have to be collected from Mandela Way. Questions were asked about making sure the changes will be adequately promoted, the design of the new building on the site and potential for local parcel collection on Walworth Road.</p> <p>JW passed on a comment from NC (MP) that he felt strongly about these issues.</p> <p>KW raised concerns about the capacity of the Mandela Way office.</p>

5. Walworth Festival	JW updated the group on progress with plans for the Walworth Festival, starting in July. Volunteers are still wanted (please contact JW if you can help in any way - whelanjohnwalworth@gmail.com). On 12 th June there will be a volunteer event at the new Crossway Church on Hampton St (behind the Strata) from 6-8pm.
6. Flints	<p>Louise & Grit spoke to the group about the planning situation with Flint's Chandlers and the development proposals to convert it to flats. There is a suggestion to find alternative sustainable uses to demonstrate the great potential of the building and build awareness of it.</p> <p>JW noted the space would be ideal as a 'theatre laboratory'. DC noted the idea of having some acting on site as part of the August festival.</p>
7. Coronet	JL mentioned the plans to commemorate the end of the Coronet. JW has researched the ideas and sadly the costs of a music hall type event seemed prohibitive. There may be potential for a film event.
8. Manor Place	JL updated the group on the discussions around the Manor Place Depot memorial stones. The Society has voiced a preference for them to be located on Manor Place as close to their original location as possible.
9. Walk Elephant	JL mentioned the Walk Elephant project. There have been a number of successful events, aimed at ensuring all the communities surround the new development will have good new walking routes into the area.
AOB	<p>Refugee Week – there will be a series of events between 17th and 24th of June. More info at: www.southwarkrefugeeresponse.wordpress.com</p> <p>Waterloo Festival at St John's – there will be a series of events between the 1st and 25th of June. More info at: www.waterloofestival.com</p> <p>JL mentioned St Mary's Newington on Kennington Park Road and the proposals to develop the area to the rear. There is an historic Church Hall on the site dating back to 1878 that is proposed to be redeveloped. The proposals are to redevelop the Hall and car park for residential use. There is an exhibition on Sat June 10th (10.00am – 1.00pm, St Mary Newington, 57a Kennington Park Road, SE11 4JQ). KW suggested there have been development plans for that site for many years.</p> <p>NL asked about Oli's. JL stated not aware of any progress.</p>
	Date of next meeting: 7pm, Thursday 6 July. St Peter's Church