

SHAD THAMES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NETWORK

Core Group meeting at the Anchor Tap – Monday, 1 December 2008

Present: Jilly Frisch
Julian Griffiths
Nick Napier
Michael Place
Penelope Tay

Apologies: Anne Lynn

1. Election of Officers

All officers agreed that they were willing to continue for a further year, and in the absence of any further suggestions, the following was confirmed:

Julian Griffiths, Chair
Nick Napier, Vice-Chair
Michael Place, Treasurer
Jilly Frisch, Secretary

2. The Mayor's New Cycle hire scheme

Team London Bridge have informed us that TfL are likely to contact STRA to talk about the Mayor's Cycle hire scheme, similar to the Paris Velib scheme. Related to cycling in the area, MP will write to Tim Walker about cycle parking.

3. Open Meeting

It was agreed that the top table probably needs to be placed more in the corner of the room so that the Chair has a better view of the room; that people be asked to occupy seats at the front before the meeting starts; that all interventions from the floor are made through the Chair; and that the Chair keeps an eye on timing.

4. Riverside Parents and Carers Association (RPC)

The RPC would be invited to a future core group meeting so that they have an opportunity to brief STRA on their aims in the area, e.g. related to the Park. **(Action: JF)**

5. The Dean Swift

There has been another incident of late night noise from the Dean Swift, in spite of the Manager's assurances that this would be strictly controlled. In view of the Manager's recent email to local residents apologising and giving further assurances that he would deal with late night noise, it was decided that STRA would not request a Review of the licence at the moment. However, the situation would be closely monitored, and a diary of events kept so that we would be in a position to succeed in changing the licence if a Review is requested.

Rosanne Keough, Southwark Licensing, and the local resident who has photographs of noisy drinkers outside the premises around 1.00pm on 2 occasions, and other concerned residents to be informed that a diary must be kept, and that STRA is monitoring the situation but will not proceed with a Review at the moment. A note to this effect would be prepared which could be distributed to residents living near the Dean Swift. **(Action: JF)**

6. The River Bar

The 24/7 Environment Team must be approached again about the pavements around The River Bar being blocked by people drinking and smoking outside, and by A-boards and tables and chairs. **(Action: JF)**

7. Planning applications in the Shad Thames conservation area

There is now a link on the STRA website to Southwark's planning applications – this shows when premises have made planning applications. This showed, e.g. that the Lovage Restaurant, Queen Elizabeth Street, had applied for planning permission for a new sign, but showed it during the daytime, when it was not illuminated. The Don, with its plethora of new signage on Tower Bridge Road, had last made a planning application in 2004, ie not for its new neon signs.

It was believed that as the area is a conservation area many fairly new neon signs would not receive planning permission. In the light of this it was decided to invite a Conservation Officer from Southwark to attend a future meeting so that we have more information on what is allowed, or not allowed in a conservation area. **(Action: JF)**

8. Berkeley Homes' development next to the Park

JF and MP reported that discussions are still ongoing related to the boundary between the development and the Park, and whether BH can be permitted to have ready access across the boundary. It would be useful if a valuer could advise on the value of this access. In any case, a copy of the lease between Southwark and the PFPMT needs to be looked at to see what provisions it may include in this regard. **(Action: MP JF)**

9. Refurbishment of Tower Bridge

A Butler's Wharf resident had complained about the increasing noise from the sandblasting being carried out by the contractor, Pyeroy. Southwark's Environment Noise Team, had been informed of this, but the response received (that once times of work have been agreed on a construction site, there is no limit on the noise level) did not correspond with the information given to residents at the July open meeting, ie that noise from the work would be no louder than traffic noise. The notes of the open meeting would be referred to Alan Blissett, Southwark, and Roy Tyler, City of London, and assurances sought regarding the level of noise being kept at the level of traffic noise. **(Action: JF)**

10. Cleaner, greener, safer funding

It was decided to put forward two projects for funding:

- Making Queen Elizabeth Street a one-way street, with no-entry from Tower Bridge Road, and,
- Financial support for a Security Officer to patrol Shad Thames between 10.00pm and 1.00am

(Action: NN)

11. Chop House Bins

Local residents living along Shad Thames had complained about the smelly bins at the back of the Chop House. Pat Varney, would be asked if she could approach the Chop House to resolve the situation. **(Action: PV)**

Next Meeting – Monday, 5 January 2009 at 7.15pm at the Anchor Tap