

Camden Residents Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting November 23 2023 at Burdalls Yard

Chair's Introduction

John Long made a presentation on the activities and achievements of the CRA over the last year and announced that he is resigning as Chair.

Committee

John reiterated the Constitution - that there is a competitive election only if more than 10 people stand - 6 volunteered to stand this year. The six existing committee members were re-elected. The meeting noted that we were lacking a Chair and Secretary and asked the Committee to remedy this as soon as possible.

Accounts

The Treasurer, Nigel Pollard, presented the accounts and covered the below points:

1. Full accounts can be found at www.camdenresidents.org/the-association/accounts
2. Savings account balance: £6,698
3. Current account balance: £1,164
4. Income in year: £1,115 (ie, donations for CRA activity)
5. Expenditure in year: £,1061 (ie, subscriptions, insurance, events / AGM costs)
6. Year ahead: break even objective; funds available to support '4C mission'

The meeting approved the accounts.

Four Cs

Outgoing Chair John Long reiterated the mission of the CRA via the 4 C's:
(c) Camden mission - (c)elebrate (c)onnect (c)ontribute (c)ampaign

Connect

Committee member Johanna Schwartz spoke about the ongoing Instagram account, the Creative Camden thread, and reminded people about the blog and newsletter that they can sign up to.

Contribute

Outgoing Chair John Long gave a brief overview of the Camden Meadow Project. Thanked the volunteers at Friends of Camden Meadow, particularly Charlie & Adam and the

goatherd team and briefly mentioned some of the other initiatives such as the swifts project and the snow patrol.

Campaign / Liveable Neighbourhoods

Committee member, Jeremy Labram gave an LN update: - it was a quiet year on LN front, but he was encouraged about what might happen in the coming year and interested in what role the CRA might take.

Connect

A brief film montage of the 2023 Street Party was shown and John spoke about keeping this as a standing event. He also mentioned the new initiative, Welcome To Camden.

Closing

John was thanked for all that he had done for the community and a presentation was made.

Q&A

The meeting heard remarks from Cllr Doctor John Leach on the current status of a Liveable Neighbourhood that would include the Camden area. A lively discussion ensued but no decisions were made.